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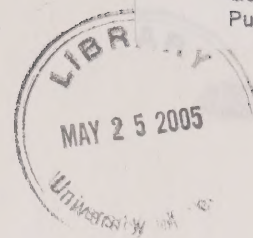


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HOUSE OF COMMONS OF CANADA
38th PARLIAMENT, 1st SESSION



MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

**STANDING COMMITTEE ON CITIZENSHIP AND
IMMIGRATION**

Chair: Andrew Telegdi.

Meeting No. 1

Thursday, October 14, 2004

ORDER OF THE DAY:

The Clerk of the Committee presided over the election of a Chair.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Colleen Beaumier,
Roger Clavet,
Meili Faille,
Hedy Fry,
Helena Guergis,
Rahim Jaffer,
Inky Mark,
Bill Siksay,
Andrew Telegdi
and Lui Temelkovski.

ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

Rodger Cuzner for David A. Anderson,
and Nina Grewal for Diane Ablonczy.

IN ATTENDANCE:

House of Commons:
Jeremy LeBlanc, Committee Clerk.



William Farrell
Clerk of the Committee

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 1

Thursday, October 14, 2004

The Standing Committee on Citizenship and Immigration met at 9:06 a.m. this day, in Room 269 West Block, for the purpose of electing a Chair, pursuant to Standing Order 106(1).

Members of the Committee present: Colleen Beaumier, Roger Clavet, Meili Faille, Hedy Fry, Helena Guergis, Rahim Jaffer, Inky Mark, Bill Siksay, Andrew Telegdi and Lui Temelkovski.

Acting Members present: Rodger Cuzner for David A. Anderson and Nina Grewal for Diane Ablonczy.

In attendance: House of Commons: Jeremy LeBlanc, Committee Clerk.

The Clerk of the Committee presided over the election of a Chair.

On motion of Lui Temelkovski, it was agreed - That Andrew Telegdi be elected Chair of the Committee.

The Clerk of the Committee presided over the election of the Vice-Chairs.

On motion of Rahim Jaffer, it was agreed, - That Inky Mark be elected Official Opposition Vice-Chair of the Committee.

On motion of Roger Clavet, it was agreed - That Meilli Faillee be elected as Opposition Vice-Chair of the Committee.

Andrew Telegdi took the Chair.

The Members made statements.

At 9:50 a.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

William Farrell
Clerk of the Committee

2004/10/14 1:59 p.m.

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**STANDING COMMITTEE ON CITIZENSHIP AND
IMMIGRATION**

Chair: Andrew Telegdi.

Meeting No. 2

Wednesday, October 20, 2004

ORDER OF THE DAY:

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Diane Ablonczy,
Colleen Beaumier,
Roger Clavet,
Meili Faille,
Hedy Fry,
Helena Guergis,
Inky Mark,
Bill Siksay,
Andrew Telegdi
and Lui Temelkovski.

ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

Ken Boshcoff for David A. Anderson,
and Nina Grewal for Rahim Jaffer.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:
Benjamin Dolin, Analyst.

William Farrell
Clerk of the Committee



MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 2

Wednesday, October 20, 2004

The Standing Committee on Citizenship and Immigration met at 3:34 p.m. this day, in Room 209 West Block, the Chair, Andrew Telegdi, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Diane Ablonczy, Colleen Beaumier, Roger Clavet, Meili Faille, Hedy Fry, Helena Guergis, Inky Mark, Bill Siksai, Andrew Telegdi and Lui Temelkovski.

Acting Members present: Ken Boshcoff for David A. Anderson and Nina Grewal for Rahim Jaffer.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Benjamin Dolin, Analyst.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

On motion of Inky Mark, it was agreed, - That the Committee retain the services of one or more analysts from the Library of Parliament, as needed, to assist the Committee in its work, at the discretion of the Chair.

On motion of Lui Temelkovski, it was agreed, - That the Chair be authorized to hold meetings to receive and publish evidence when a quorum is not present, provided that at least three members are present, including one member of the opposition.

Bill Siksai moved - That, as established by the Board of Internal Economy and if requested, reasonable travelling, accommodation, and living expenses be reimbursed to witnesses who are invited to appear before the Committee up to a maximum of 2 representatives for any organization.

After debate, the question was put on the motion and it was agreed to.

On motion of Helena Guergis, it was agreed, - That the Clerk of the Committee be authorized to distribute to the members of the Committee documents only when they exist in both official languages.

On motion of Nina Grewal, it was agreed - That the Clerk of the Committee be authorized to make the necessary arrangements to provide for working meals for the Committee and its subcommittees.

On motion of Inky Mark, it was agreed, - That one copy of the transcript of all in camera meetings be kept in the Committee Clerk's office for consultation by members of the Committee.

On motion of Roger Clavet, it was agreed, - That, unless otherwise ordered, each Committee member be allowed to have one staff person present at in camera meetings.

On motion of Nina Grewal, it was agreed, - That, except for amendments to bills, forty-eight (48) hours' notice be given before any substantive motion is considered by the Committee; and That the motion be filed with the Clerk of the Committee and circulated to members in both official languages. Upon receipt of the notice, the Clerk shall put the motion on the agenda of the Committee's next

meeting.

Lui Temelkovski moved, - That when the Chair is unable to act in that capacity at or during a meeting of the committee, the Chair shall designate a member of the committee to act as Chair at or during the said meeting and such an acting Chair shall be vested with all the powers of the Chairman at or during the said meeting.

Debate arose thereon.

Inky Mark moved, - That the motion be amended in line 1 by striking out the word "is" and by replacing it with the following "and Vice-Chairs are".

After debate, the question was put on the amendment of Inky Mark and it was agreed to.

The question was put on the motion, as amended, and it was agreed to.

Bill Siksai moved, - That whenever an Order in Council appointment is referred to the Committee, the Clerk shall obtain and circulate to each Member of the Committee a copy of the said appointment, that the Committee be informed, and the Clerk shall obtain and circulate to each Member of the Committee a copy of the said appointment with the appointee's curriculum vitae.

After debate, the question was put on the motion and it was agreed to.

Diane Ablonczy moved, - That an organization be given up to ten (10) minutes for their opening statement; and that, at the discretion of the Chair, during the questioning of witnesses, there be allocated seven (7) minutes for the first questioner of each party and that thereafter five (5) minutes be allocated to each subsequent questioner (alternating between Government and Opposition parties until all Members have had a chance to participate, after which, if time permits a new round will commence.

After debate, the question was put on the motion and it was agreed to.

On motion of Lui Temelkovski, it was agreed, - That whenever the Main Estimates or the Supplementary Estimates are tabled in the House, the Committee invite the Minister and any relevant Senior Officials of a Department to appear at a televised meeting, if possible, of the Committee.

On motion of Inky Mark, it was agreed, - That whenever a Chapter of a Report of the Auditor General refers to a subject under the mandate of the Committee, the Committee invite the Office of the Auditor General of Canada and any relevant Senior Officials of a Department to appear at a televised meeting, if possible, of the Committee.

On motion of Bill Siksai, it was agreed, - That the Committee hear the Minister of Citizenship and Immigration Canada on the Main Estimates 2004-2005 on Tuesday, November 2, 2004.

On motion of Bill Siksai, it was agreed, - That the Committee hear the Minister of Citizenship and Immigration Canada on Supplementary Estimates A on Tuesday, November 16, 2004.

On motion of Lui Temelkovski, it was agreed, - That the Committee invite officials from Citizenship and Immigration Canada to give a briefing on a Departmental Overview on Tuesday, October 26, 2004.

On motion of Lui Temelkovski, it was agreed, - That the Committee proceed to sit *in camera*.

At 4:40 p.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 4:52 p.m., the Committee resumed sitting *in camera* for the purpose of discussing future business.

At 5:50 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

William Farrell
Clerk of the Committee

2004/10/22 12:40 p.m.

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38th PARLIAMENT, 1st SESSION

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

STANDING COMMITTEE ON CITIZENSHIP AND IMMIGRATION

Chair: Hon. Andrew Telegdi, Lib.

Meeting No. 3

Tuesday, October 26, 2004

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee proceeded to a briefing session on Citizenship and Immigration Canada - Departmental Overview.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Roger Clavet,
Meili Faille,
Hedy Fry,
Helena Guergis,
Inky Mark,
Bill Siksay,
Andrew Telegdi
Lui Temelkovski.

ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

Nina Grewal for Rahim Jaffer.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:
Benjamin Dolin, Analyst.

WITNESSES:

Department of Citizenship and Immigration:

Michel Dorais, Deputy Minister;
Rosaline Frith, Acting Assistant Deputy Minister, Strategic
Direction and Communications;
Daniel Jean, Assistant Deputy Minister, Policy and Program
Development;
John McWhinnie, Assistant Deputy Minister, Centralized Service
Delivery and Corporate Services;
Lyse Ricard, Assistant Deputy Minister, Operations;
Diane Vincent, Associate Deputy Minister.

William Farrell
Clerk of the Committee

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 3

Tuesday, October 26, 2004

The Standing Committee on Citizenship and Immigration met in a televised session at 9:08 a.m. this day, in Room 253-D Centre Block, the Chair, Andrew Telegdi, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Roger Clavet, Meili Faille, Hedy Fry, Helena Guergis, Inky Mark, Bill Siksay, Andrew Telegdi and Lui Temelkovski.

Acting Members present: Nina Grewal for Rahim Jaffer.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Benjamin Dolin, Analyst.

Witnesses: Department of Citizenship and Immigration: Michel Dorais, Deputy Minister; Rosaline Frith, Acting Assistant Deputy Minister, Strategic Direction and Communications; Daniel Jean, Assistant Deputy Minister, Policy and Program Development; John McWhinnie, Assistant Deputy Minister, Centralized Service Delivery and Corporate Services; Lyse Ricard, Assistant Deputy Minister, Operations; Diane Vincent, Associate Deputy Minister.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee proceeded to a briefing session on Citizenship and Immigration Canada - Departmental Overview.

Michel Dorais, Rosaline Frith and Daniel Jean, made opening statements and answered questions.

Lyse Ricard and John McWhinnie made opening statements.

At 10:58 a.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

William Farrell
Clerk of the Committee

2004/10/26 11:41 a.m.

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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Standing Committee
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CITIZENSHIP AND IMMIGRATION

Chair: Andrew Telegdi, Lib.

Meeting No. 4

Wednesday, October 27, 2004

IN CAMERA

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 4

Wednesday, October 27, 2004

The Standing Committee on Citizenship and Immigration met *in camera* at 3:38 p.m. this day, in Room 536 Wellington Building, the Chair, Andrew Telegdi, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Diane Ablonczy, Colleen Beaumier, Roger Clavet, Meili Faille, Hedy Fry, Helena Mergeris, Inky Mark, Bill Siksay, Andrew Telegdi and Lui Temelkovski.

Guest Members present: Nina Grewal for Rahim Jaffer and Borys Wrzesnewskyj for David A. Anderson.

Attendance: Library of Parliament: Benjamin Dolin, Analyst.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

It was agreed, - That the Committee undertake the following prioritized work plan:

Citizenship issues in the context of updating the 1977 Citizenship Act (including the "Lost Canadians" issue)

Recognition of the foreign experience and credentials of immigrants

Family reunification issues (including the family class sponsorship program, the delays in reuniting the families of refugees who have been granted Canada's protection by the Immigration and Refugee Board, and family reunification issues arising in the context of the private sponsorship of refugees program)

Regularization of people in Canada without legal status

Refugee issues (including the delay in implementing the Refugee Appeal Division of the Immigration and Refugee Board, the problems – particularly processing delays – in the private sponsorship of refugees, upcoming implementation of the Safe Third Country Agreement, Decision-making at the Immigration and Refugee Board)

Members' concerns about the burden placed on their constituency offices with respect to immigration and refugee issues

i) The security certificate process

Deportation of Young Offenders

At 5:25 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

William Farrell
Clerk of the Committee

04/10/29 8:03 a.m.

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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS
**STANDING COMMITTEE ON CITIZENSHIP AND
IMMIGRATION**

Chair: Andrew Telegdi.

Meeting No. 5

Thursday, October 28, 2004

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee proceeded to a briefing session on Foreign Credential recognition.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Diane Ablonczy,
Colleen Beaumier,
Roger Clavet,
Meili Faille,
Helena Guergis,
Inky Mark,
Bill Siksay,
Andrew Telegdi
and Lui Temelkovski.

ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

Nina Grewal for Rahim Jaffer.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:
Benjamin Dolin, Analyst.

APPEARING:

Hon. Hedy Fry, Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Citizenship and Immigration.

WITNESSES:

Department of Human Resources and Skills Development:

Chris Bolland, Manager, Foreign Credential Recognition, Human Resources Partnerships.

Department of Citizenship and Immigration:

Rénald Dussault, Director General, Selection.

Department of Health:

Bob Shearer, Director, Health Human Resource Strategies Division.

Department of Citizenship and Immigration:

Diane Vincent, Associate Deputy Minister.

William Farrell
Clerk of the Committee

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Meeting No. 5

Thursday, October 28, 2004

The Standing Committee on Citizenship and Immigration met at 9:03 a.m. this day, in Room 371 West Block, the Chair, Andrew Telegdi, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Diane Ablonczy, Colleen Beaumier, Roger Clavet, Meili Faille, Helena Guergis, Inky Mark, Bill Siksay, Andrew Telegdi and Lui Temelkovski.

Acting Members present: Nina Grewal for Rahim Jaffer.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Benjamin Dolin, Analyst.

Appearing: Hon. Hedy Fry, Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Citizenship and Immigration.

Witnesses: Department of Human Resources and Skills Development Canada: Chris Bolland, Manager, Foreign Credential Recognition, Human Resources Partnerships. *Department of Citizenship and Immigration:* Rénaud Dussault, Director General, Selection. *Department of Health:* Bob Shearer, Director, Health Human Resource Strategies Division. *Department of Citizenship and Immigration:* Diane Vincent, Associate Deputy Minister.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee proceeded to a briefing session on Foreign Credential recognition.

On motion of Meilli Faille, - it was agreed, - That the evidence and documentation presented to the Standing Committee on Citizenship and Immigration during the 2nd Session of the 37th Parliament and 36th Parliament in relation to its study of An Act respecting Canadian Citizenship be deemed received by this Committee in this session.

Hon. Hedy Fry made an opening statement, and with the other witnesses, answered questions.

At 10:20 a.m., the Vice-Chair, Inky Mark took the Chair.

At 10:24 a.m., Andrew Telegdi took the Chair.

At 11:00 a.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

William Farrell
Clerk of the Committee

2004/10/29 8:04 a.m.

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STANDING COMMITTEE ON CITIZENSHIP AND
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Chair: Andrew Telegdi, Lib.

Meeting No. 6

Tuesday, November 2, 2004

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 81(4), the Committee commenced consideration of the Main Estimates 2004-2005: Votes 1, 5 and 10 under the Department of Citizenship and Immigration Canada referred to the Committee on Friday, October 8, 2004.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Diane Ablonczy,
Colleen Beaumier,
Roger Clavet,
Meili Faille,
Hedy Fry,
Helena Guergis,
Bill Siksay,
Andrew Telegdi
and Lui Temelkovski.

ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

Nina Grewal for Rahim Jaffer,
and Borys Wrzesnewskyj for David A. Anderson.

OTHER MEMBER PRESENT:

Hon. Ed Broadbent.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of parliament:

Jennifer Wispinski, Analyst, Law & Government Division.

APPEARING:

Hon. Judy Sgro, Minister of Citizenship and Immigration.

WITNESSES:

Department of Citizenship and Immigration:

Daniel Jean, Assistant Deputy Minister, Policy and Program Development;

John McWhinnie, Assistant Deputy Minister, Centralized Service Delivery and Corporate Services;

Lyse Ricard, Assistant Deputy Minister, Operations.

William Farrell
Clerk of the Committee

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 6

Tuesday, November 2, 2004

The Standing Committee on Citizenship and Immigration met in a televised session at 9:10 a.m. this day, in Room 237-C Centre Block, the Chair, Andrew Telegdi, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Diane Ablonczy, Colleen Beaumier, Roger Clavet, Meili Faille, Hedy Fry, Helena Guergis, Bill Siksay, Andrew Telegdi and Lui Temelkovski.

Acting Members present: Nina Grewal for Rahim Jaffer and Borys Wrzesnewskyj for David A. Anderson.

Other Members present: Ed Broadbent.

In attendance: Library of parliament: Jennifer Wispinski, Analyst, Law & Government Division.

Appearing: Hon. Judy Sgro, Minister of Citizenship and Immigration.

Witnesses: Department of Citizenship and Immigration: Daniel Jean, Assistant Deputy Minister, Policy and Program Development; John McWhinnie, Assistant Deputy Minister, Centralized Service Delivery and Corporate Services; Lyse Ricard, Assistant Deputy Minister, Operations.

Pursuant to Standing Order 81(4), the Committee commenced consideration of the Main Estimates 2004-2005: Votes 1, 5 and 10 under the Department of Citizenship and Immigration Canada referred to the Committee on Friday, October 8, 2004.

The Minister made an opening statement, and with the other witnesses, answered questions.

At 10:05 a.m., the Vice-Chair, Meili Faille took the Chair.

At 10:10 a.m., Andrew Telegdi took the Chair.

The Chair called Vote 1 – Operating expenditures under the Department of Citizenship and Immigration.

On motion of Hedy Fry, it was agreed, - That Vote 1 in the amount of \$563,130,000, less the amount of \$422,347,500 granted in Interim Supply, be carried.

The Chair called Vote 5 – Grants and contributions under the Department of Citizenship and Immigration.

On motion of Lui Temelkovski, it was agreed – That Vote 5 in the amount of \$387,671,577, less the amount of \$323,059,647.50 granted in Interim Supply, be carried.

The Chair called Vote 10 – Program expenditures under the Department of Citizenship and Immigration.

On motion of Hedy Fry, it was agreed - That Vote 10 in the amount of \$106,697,000, less the amount of \$88,914,166.67 granted in Interim Supply, be carried on division.

ORDERED, - That the Chair report Votes 1, 5 and 10, less the amounts granted in Interim Supply, under the Department of Citizenship and Immigration to the House.

On motion of Meili Faille, it was agreed, - That the operational budget in the amount of \$28,700 be adopted.

On motion of Hedy Fry, it was agreed, - That an *In Camera* meeting be held on Thursday, November 18, 2004, at 9:00 a.m. to receive a briefing from the research staff respecting Citizenship Issues.

At 11:02 a.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

William Farrell
Clerk of the Committee

2004/11/02 2:45 p.m.

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STANDING COMMITTEE ON CITIZENSHIP AND
IMMIGRATION

Chair: Andrew Telegdi, Lib.

Meeting No. 7

Thursday, November 4, 2004

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee commenced its pre-study of Bill S-2 - An Act to amend the Citizenship Act.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Colleen Beaumier,
Meili Faille,
Hedy Fry,
Helena Guergis,
Inky Mark,
Bill Siksay,
Andrew Telegdi
and Lui Temelkovski.

OTHER MEMBER PRESENT:

Borys Wrzesnewskyj.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Parliamentary Information and Research Service:
Benjamin Dolin, Analyst.

WITNESSES:

Lost Canadian Organization:

Charles Bosdet;
Don Chapman.

Georges Etoke
Committee Clerk

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 7

Thursday, November 4, 2004

The Standing Committee on Citizenship and Immigration met at 9:08 a.m. this day, in Room 269 West Block, the Chair, Andrew Telegdi, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Colleen Beaumier, Meili Faille, Hedy Fry, Helena Guergis, Inky Mark, Bill Siksay, Andrew Telegdi and Lui Temelkovski.

Other Members present: Borys Wrzesnewskyj.

In attendance: Parliamentary Information and Research Service: Benjamin Dolin, Analyst.

Witnesses: Lost Canadian Organization: Charles Bosdet; Don Chapman.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee commenced its pre-study of Bill S-2 - An Act to amend the Citizenship Act.

The witnesses made statements and answered questions.

At 10:59 a.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Georges Etoka
Committee Clerk

2004/11/09 8:59 a.m.

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CITIZENSHIP AND IMMIGRATION

Chair: Andrew Telegdi, Lib.

Meeting No. 8

Tuesday, November 16, 2004

IN CAMERA

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 8

Tuesday, November 16, 2004

The Standing Committee on Citizenship and Immigration met *in camera* at 9:06 a.m. this day, in Room 269 West Block, the Chair, Andrew Telegdi, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Diane Ablonczy, David A. Anderson, Colleen Beaumier, Roger Clavet, Meili Mille, Hedy Fry, Helena Guergis, Inky Mark, Bill Siksay, Andrew Telegdi and Lui Temelkovski.

Attending Members present: Nina Grewal for Rahim Jaffer.

Witnesses: Library of Parliament: Benjamin Dolin, Analyst, Law and Government Division.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee commenced a Briefing session on Citizenship Issues.

The witness made a statement and answered questions.

At 10:56 a.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

William Farrell
Clerk of the Committee

2004/11/16 3:32 p.m.

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Chair: Andrew Telegdi, Lib.

Meeting No. 9

Thursday, November 18, 2004

IN CAMERA

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Meeting No. 9

Thursday, November 18, 2004

The Standing Committee on Citizenship and Immigration met *in camera* at 9:12 a.m. this day, in Room 269 West Block, the Chair, Andrew Telegdi, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Diane Ablonczy, Roger Clavet, Meili Faille, Hedy Fry, Helena Guergis, Bill Casey, Andrew Telegdi and Lui Temelkovski.

Associate Members present: Nina Grewal.

Attendance: Library of Parliament: Benjamin Dolin, Analyst.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee resumed a study on Citizenship Issues.

The Committee resumed consideration of a draft report.

It was agreed, — That the Committee Analyst revise the working document “Recommendations for Improving Canada’s Citizenship Act” to simply summarize the issues already identified and the evidence previously addressed and that this report provide the government with a general outline of the issues and key principles that must be addressed, without making specific legislative recommendations.

It was agreed, — That the Committee invite officials from the Canada Border Services Agency and the Department of Citizenship and Immigration to appear on Tuesday, November 30, 2004 from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

At 10:52 a.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

William Farrell
Clerk of the Committee

2004/11/18 3:46 p.m.

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**STANDING COMMITTEE ON CITIZENSHIP AND
IMMIGRATION**

Chair: Andrew Telegdi, Lib.

Meeting No. 10

Tuesday, November 23, 2004

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 81(5), the Committee resumed consideration of the Supplementary Estimates (A) 2004-2005: Votes 1a, 5a and 10a under the Department of Citizenship and Immigration Canada referred to the Committee on Thursday, November 4, 2004

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Diane Ablonczy
Hon. David A. Anderson
Colleen Beaumier
Roger Clavet
Meili Faille
Hon. Hedy Fry
Helena Guergis
Rahim Jaffer
Bill Siksay
Hon. Andrew Telegdi
Lui Temelkovski

ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

Gurmant Grewal for Inky Mark
Nina Grewal for Diane Ablonczy

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:
Benjamin Dolin, Analyst.

APPEARING:

Hon. Judy Sgro, Minister of Citizenship and Immigration

WITNESSES:

Department of Citizenship and Immigration:
Michel Dorais, Deputy Minister;
Daniel Jean, Assistant Deputy Minister, Policy and Program
Development;
John McWhinnie, Assistant Deputy Minister, Centralized Service
Delivery and Corporate Services;
Diane Vincent, Associate Deputy Minister.

Hon. Judy Sgro made a statement and, with the other witnesses, answered questions.

William Farrell
Clerk of the Committee

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 10

Tuesday, November 23, 2004

The Standing Committee on Citizenship and Immigration met at 9:01 a.m. this day, in Room 308 West Block, the Chair, Andrew Telegdi, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Diane Ablonczy, David A. Anderson, Colleen Beaumier, Roger Clavet, Meili, Hedy Fry, Helena Guergis, Rahim Jaffer, Bill Siksay, Andrew Telegdi and Lui Temelkovski.

Attending Members present: Gurmant Grewal for Inky Mark and Nina Grewal for Diane Ablonczy.

Attendance: Library of Parliament: Benjamin Dolin, Analyst.

Participating: Hon. Judy Sgro, Minister of Citizenship and Immigration.

Witnesses: Department of Citizenship and Immigration: Michel Dorais, Deputy Minister; Daniel Jean, Assistant Deputy Minister, sous-ministre adjoint; John McWhinnie, Assistant Deputy Minister, Centralized Service Delivery and Corporate Services; Diane Vincent, Associate Deputy Minister.

Pursuant to Standing Order 81(5), the Committee commenced consideration of the Supplementary Estimates (A) 2004-2005: Votes 1a, 5a and 10a under the Department of Citizenship and Immigration Canada referred to the Committee on Thursday, November 4, 2004.

Min. Judy Sgro made a statement and, with the other witnesses, answered questions.

At 10:57 a.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

William Farrell
Clerk of the Committee

2004/11/23 12:41 p.m.

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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS
STANDING COMMITTEE ON CITIZENSHIP AND
IMMIGRATION

Chair: Andrew Telegdi, Lib.

Meeting No. 11

Thursday, November 25, 2004

ORDERS OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee resumed a study on Citizenship Issues

Pursuant to Standing Order 81(5), the Committee resumed consideration of the Supplementary Estimates (A) 2004-2005: Votes 1a, 5a and 10a under the Department of Citizenship and Immigration Canada referred to the Committee on Thursday, November 4, 2004

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

David A. Anderson
Roger Clavet
Meili Faille
Hon. Hedy Fry
Bill Siksay
Hon. Andrew Telegdi
Lui Temelkovski

ACTING MEMBER PRESENT:

David Tilson for Inky Mark

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:

Benjamin Dolin, Analyst.

William Farrell
Clerk of the Committee

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 11

Thursday, November 25, 2004

The Standing Committee on Citizenship and Immigration met *in camera* at 9:15 a.m. this day, in Room 209 West Block, the Chair, Andrew Telegdi, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: David A. Anderson, Roger Clavet, Meili Faille, Hedy Fry, Bill Siksay, Andrew Telegdi and Lui Temelkovski.

Attending Members present: David Tilson for Inky Mark.

Attendance: Library of Parliament: Benjamin Dolin, Analyst.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee resumed a study on Citizenship Issues.

The Committee resumed consideration of a draft report.

At 9:18 a.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 9:19 a.m., the sitting resumed in public.

In recognition of Roger Clavet, it was agreed, — That the Standing Committee on Citizenship and Immigration congratulates Benjamin Dolin on: the quality of his report, the pertinence of the summary and the relevance of the report's content and the accuracy of various points of view expressed.

At 9:22 a.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 9:23 a.m., the sitting resumed *in camera*.

It was agreed, — That the title of the report be: "Updating Canada's Citizenship Laws: issues to be addressed".

It was agreed, — That the Chair, Clerk and Analyst be authorized to make such grammatical and editorial changes as may be necessary without changing the substance of the report..

It was agreed, — That the draft report, as amended, be concurred in and that the Chairman be instructed to present it to the House.

Pursuant to Standing Order 81(5), the Committee resumed consideration of the Supplementary Estimates (A) 2004-2005: Votes 1a, 5a and 10a under the Department of Citizenship and Immigration Canada referred to the Committee on Thursday, November 4, 2004.

It was agreed, — That Vote 1a carry.

It was agreed, — That Vote 5a carry.

It was agreed, — That Vote 10a carry.

RESOLVED, — That the Chair report Votes 1a, 5a and 10a under Department of Citizenship and Immigration to the

House.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

It was agreed, — That the Chair be authorized to plan and finalize the budgets and itineraries for the Committee's travel in February and/or March 2005, and to present the said budget or budgets to the Subcommittee on budgets of the Liaison Committee and that the required staff accompany the Committee when it travels from place to place inside Canada, and that the Chair be authorized to seek an Order of Reference from the House of Commons for the Committee's travel.

At 11:00 a.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

William Farrell
Clerk of the Committee

2004/11/26 9:19 a.m.

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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS
**STANDING COMMITTEE ON CITIZENSHIP AND
IMMIGRATION**

Chair: Andrew Telegdi, Lib.

Meeting No. 12

Tuesday, November 30, 2004

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee proceeded to a Technical briefing

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Diane Ablonczy
Hon. David A. Anderson
Roger Clavet
Meili Faille
Rahim Jaffer
Bill Siksay
Hon. Andrew Telegdi
Lui Temelkovski

ACTING MEMBER PRESENT:

Nina Grewal for Inky Mark

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:
Benjamin Dolin, Analyst.

WITNESSES:

Canada Border Services Agency:

Claudette Deschênes, Vice-President, Enforcement Branch.

Department of Citizenship and Immigration:

Daniel Jean, Assistant Deputy Minister, Policy and Program Development.

William Farrell
Clerk of the Committee

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 12

Tuesday, November 30, 2004

The Standing Committee on Citizenship and Immigration met at 9:02 a.m. this day, in Room 536 Wellington Building, the Chair, Andrew Telegdi, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Diane Ablonczy, David A. Anderson, Roger Clavet, Meili Faille, Rahim Jaffer, Al Siksai, Andrew Telegdi and Lui Temelkovski.

Invited Members present: Nina Grewal for Inky Mark.

Attendance: Library of Parliament: Benjamin Dolin, Analyst.

Guests: *Department of Citizenship and Immigration:* Daniel Jean, Assistant Deputy Minister, Policy and Program Development. *Canada Border Services Agency:* Claudette Deschênes, Vice-President, Enforcement Branch.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee proceeded to a Technical briefing.

At 9:04 a.m., the Vice-Chair, Meili Faille took the Chair.

Two witnesses made statements and answered questions.

At 10:45 a.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

William Farrell
Clerk of the Committee

2004/12/14 2:28 p.m.

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STANDING COMMITTEE ON CITIZENSHIP AND
IMMIGRATION

Chair: Andrew Telegdi, Lib.

Meeting No. 13

Thursday, December 2, 2004

ORDERS OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee commenced its study on Family reunification issues, Regularization of people in Canada without legal status and Refugee issues

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Hon. David A. Anderson
Meili Faille
Hon. Hedy Fry
Helena Guergis
Rahim Jaffer
Bill Siksay
Hon. Andrew Telegdi
Lui Temelkovski

ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

Nicole Demers for Roger Clavet
Nina Grewal for Inky Mark
Mario Silva for Colleen Beaumier

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:
Benjamin Dolin, Analyst.

WITNESSES:

Metro Toronto Chinese and Southeast Asian Legal Clinic:
Avvy Yao-Yao Go, Director;
Clara Ho, Staff Lawyer.

Canadian Council for Refugees:
Nick Summers, President;
Amy Casipullai, Vice-President.

Human Rights Action Committee:
Sanjiv Kumar, President.

William Farrell
Clerk of the Committee

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

eting No. 13

ursday, December 2, 2004

e Standing Committee on Citizenship and Immigration met at 9:07 a.m. this day, in Room 308 West Block, the
air, Andrew Telegdi, presiding.

members of the Committee present: David A. Anderson, Meili Faille, Hedy Fry, Helena Guergis, Rahim Jaffer, Bill
say, Andrew Telegdi and Lui Temelkovski.

ing Members present: Nicole Demers for Roger Clavet, Nina Grewal for Inky Mark and Mario Silva for Colleen
umier.

ttendance: Library of Parliament: Benjamin Dolin, Analyst.

nesses: Metro Toronto Chinese and Southeast Asian Legal Clinic: Avvy Yao-Yao Go, Director; Clara Ho, Staff
vyer. Canadian Council for Refugees: Nick Summers, President; Amy Casipullai, Vice-President. Human Rights
ion Committee: Sanjiv Kumar, President.

suant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee commenced its study on Family reunification issues,
ularization of people in Canada without legal status and Refugee issues.

witnesses made statements and answered questions.

0:19 a.m., the Vice-Chair, Meili Faille took the Chair.

0:25, Andrew Telegdi took the Chair.

Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

li Faille moved, — Whereas

Refugee Appeal Division is included in the *Immigration and Refugee Protection Act*;

liament has passed the *Immigration and Refugee Protection Act* and can therefore expect that it be implemented;

House of Commons and parliamentarians have a right to expect that the Government of Canada will honour its
mitments;

Standing Committee on Citizenship and Immigration requests that the Minister of Citizenship and Immigration,
lement the Refugee Appeal Division without delay.

ate arose thereon.

unanimous consent, it was agreed, — That the motion of Meili Faille would be discussed at the Committee's next
eting.

1:04 a.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

William Farrell
Clerk of the Committee

2004/12/02 12:33 p.m.

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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS
STANDING COMMITTEE ON CITIZENSHIP AND
IMMIGRATION

Chair: Andrew Telegdi, Lib.

Meeting No. 14

Tuesday, December 7, 2004

IN CAMERA

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 14

Tuesday, December 7, 2004

The Standing Committee on Citizenship and Immigration met *in camera* at 9:14 a.m. this day, in Room 209 West Block, the Chair, Andrew Telegdi, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Diane Ablonczy, David A. Anderson, Roger Clavet, Meili Faille, Hedy Fry, Helena Guergis, Bill Siksay, Andrew Telegdi and Lui Temelkovski.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

It was agreed, — That the motion of Meili Faille would be discussed at a later meeting.

It was agreed, — That the Standing Committee on Citizenship and Immigration establish a Subcommittee on Agenda and Procedure; that this Subcommittee consist of six members of the Standing Committee namely the Liberal Chair, one other Liberal, the Conservative First Vice-Chair of the Standing Committee plus one other Conservative member; the Bloc Québécois Second Vice-Chair of the Standing Committee; and the NDP Member of the Standing Committee.

It was agreed, — That the other Conservative member be Diane Ablonczy.

It was agreed, — That the other Liberal member be Lui Temelkovski.

At 9:56 a.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

William Farrell
Clerk of the Committee

2004/12/09 9:00 a.m.

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**STANDING COMMITTEE ON CITIZENSHIP AND
IMMIGRATION**

Chair: Andrew Telegdi, Lib.

Meeting No. 15

Thursday, December 9, 2004

ORDERS OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee proceeded to a briefing session - an Overview of the Immigration and Refugee Board

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee commenced its study of the Implementation of the Safe Third Country Agreement

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Diane Ablonczy
Hon. David A. Anderson
Colleen Beaumier
Roger Clavet
Meili Faille
Helena Guergis
Hon. Andrew Telegdi
Lui Temelkovski

ACTING MEMBER PRESENT:

Jean Crowder for Bill Siksay

ASSOCIATE MEMBER PRESENT:

Nina Grewal

WITNESSES:

Immigration and Refugee Board:

Jean-Guy Fleury, Chairperson;
Krista Daley, General Counsel;
Marilyn Stuart-Major, Executive Director.

Parliamentary Information and Research Service:

Benjamin Dolin, Analyst.

William Farrell
Clerk of the Committee



MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

eting No. 15

ursday, December 9, 2004

Standing Committee on Citizenship and Immigration met at 9:04 a.m. this day, in Room 308 West Block, the
Chair, Andrew Telegdi, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Diane Ablonczy, David A. Anderson, Colleen Beaumier, Roger Clavet, Meili
le, Helena Guergis, Andrew Telegdi and Lui Temelkovski.

ing Members present: Jean Crowder for Bill Siksay.

ociate Members present: Nina Grewal.

witnesses: Immigration and Refugee Board: Jean-Guy Fleury, Chairperson; Krista Daley, General Counsel; Marilyn
art-Major, Executive Director. *Parliamentary Information and Research Service:* Benjamin Dolin, Analyst.

uant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee proceeded to a briefing session - an Overview of the Immigration
Refugee Board.

n-Guy Fleury made a statement, and with the other witnesses, answered questions.

uant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee commenced its briefing session of the Implementation of the Safe
rd Country Agreement.

0:35 a.m., the sitting was suspended.

0:39 a.m., the sitting resumed.

jamin Dolin made a statement.

1:00 a.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

William Farrell
Clerk of the Committee

4/12/14 10:24 a.m.

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STANDING COMMITTEE ON CITIZENSHIP AND
IMMIGRATION

Chair: Andrew Telegdi, Lib.

Meeting No. 16

Tuesday, December 14, 2004

ORDERS OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee commenced its study of the Implementation of the Safe Third Country Agreement.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

David A. Anderson,
Roger Clavet,
Meili Faille,
Hedy Fry,
Helena Guergis,
Rahim Jaffer,
Bill Siksay,
Andrew Telegdi
and Lui Temelkovski.

ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

Don Boudria for David A. Anderson,
Guy Côté for Roger Clavet,
David J. McGuinty for Colleen Beaumier,
David Smith for Lui Temelkovski,
and Lynne Yelich for Diane Ablonczy.

WITNESSES:

Parliamentary Information and Research Service:

Benjamin Dolin, Analyst.

Department of Citizenship and Immigration:

Daniel Jean, Assistant Deputy Minister, Policy and Program Development.

Canada Border Services Agency:

Claudette Deschênes, Vice-President, Enforcement Branch.

Department of Citizenship and Immigration:

Bruce Scoffield, Director, Policy Development and International Protection, Refugees Branch.

United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees:

Jahanshah Assadi, Representative in Canada;

Buti Kale, Senior Protection Officer.

William Farrell
Clerk of the Committee

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 16

Tuesday, December 14, 2004

The Standing Committee on Citizenship and Immigration met at 3:34 p.m. this day, in Room 209, West Block, the Chair, Andrew Telegdi, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: David A. Anderson, Roger Clavet, Meili Faille, Hedy Fry, Helena Guergis, Rahim Jaffer, Bill Siksay, Andrew Telegdi and Lui Temelkovski.

Acting Members present: Don Boudria for David A. Anderson, Guy Côté for Roger Clavet, David J. McGuinty for Colleen Beaumier, David Smith for Lui Temelkovski and Lynne Yelich for Diane Ablonczy.

Witnesses: Parliamentary Information and Research Service: Benjamin Dolin, Analyst. *Department of Citizenship and Immigration:* Daniel Jean, Assistant Deputy Minister, Policy and Program Development. *Canada Border Services Agency:* Claudette Deschênes, Vice-President, Enforcement Branch. *Department of Citizenship and Immigration:* Bruce Scoffield, Director, Policy Development and International Protection, Refugees Branch. *United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees:* Jahanshah Assadi, Representative in Canada; Buti Kale, Senior Protection Officer.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee commenced its briefing session of the Implementation of the Safe Third Country Agreement.

Benjamin Dolin made a statement and answered questions.

At 3:59 p.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 4:02 p.m., the sitting resumed.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee commenced its study of the Implementation of the Safe Third Country Agreement.

Daniel Jean, Claudette Deschênes and Jahanshah Assadi made statements and Daniel Jean, Claudette Deschênes, Bruce Scoffield, Jahanshah Assadi and Buti Kale answered questions.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

Meili Faille moved, — Whereas

The Refugee Appeal Division is included in the *Immigration and Refugee Protection Act*;

Parliament has passed the *Immigration and Refugee Protection Act* and can therefore expect that it be implemented; and

The House of Commons and parliamentarians have a right to expect that the Government of Canada will honour its commitments;

The Standing Committee on Citizenship and Immigration requests that the Minister of Citizenship and Immigration, implement the Refugee Appeal Division without delay.

Debate arose thereon.

On motion of Rahim Jaffer, it was agreed, — That the motion be amended by adding after the word Division the following: “or advise the Committee as to an alternative proposal”.

After debate, the question was put on the motion and it was agreed to.

At 5:41 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

William Farrell
Clerk of the Committee

2004/12/17 9:31 a.m.

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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS
STANDING COMMITTEE ON CITIZENSHIP AND
IMMIGRATION

Chair: Andrew Telegdi, Lib.

Meeting No. 17

Thursday, February 3, 2005

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on Wednesday, October 27, 2004, the Committee resumed its study of Family Reunification Issues.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee resumed its study of the Post Implementation of the Safe Third Country Agreement.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

David A. Anderson,
Meili Faille,
Hedy Fry,
Helena Guergis,
Rahim Jaffer,
Inky Mark,
Bill Siksay,
Andrew Telegdi
and Lui Temelkovski.

ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

Nina Grewal for Diane Ablonczy,
and Yvon Lévesque for Roger Clavet.

OTHER MEMBERS PRESENT:

Borys Wrzesnewskyj.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:

Jennifer Wispinski, Analyst.

WITNESSES:

Canada Border Services Agency:

George Bowles, Director, Immigration Ports & Border
Management Division, Admissibility Branch.

Department of Citizenship and Immigration:

Johanne Deslauriers, Director, Social Policy and Programs
Division, Selection Branch;
Rénald Dussault, Director General, Selection Branch;
Robert Orr, Director General, Refugees Branch;
Bruce Scoffield, Director, Policy Development and International
Protection, Refugees Branch;
Himmat Shinhat, Acting Director, Asylum.

Rénald Dussault made a statement and, with the Johanne Deslauriers, answered questions.

Robert Orr made a statement and, with the other witnesses, answered questions.

William Farrell
Clerk of the Committee

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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 17

Thursday, February 3, 2005

The Standing Committee on Citizenship and Immigration met in a televised session at 11:09 a.m. this day, in Room 237-C Centre Block, the Chair, Andrew Telegdi, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: David A. Anderson, Meili Faille, Hedy Fry, Helena Guergis, Rahim Jaffer, Inky Mark, Bill Siksay, Andrew Telegdi and Lui Temelkovski.

Acting Members present: Nina Grewal for Diane Ablonczy and Yvon Lévesque for Roger Clavet.

Other Members present: Borys Wrzesnewskyj.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Jennifer Wispinski, Analyst.

Witnesses: Canada Border Services Agency: George Bowles, Director, Immigration Ports & Border Management Division, Admissibility Branch. *Department of Citizenship and Immigration:* Johanne Deslauriers, Director, Social Policy and Programs Division, Selection Branch; Rénaud Dussault, Director General, Selection Branch; Robert Orr, Director General, Refugees Branch; Bruce Scoffield, Director, Policy Development and International Protection, Refugees Branch; Himmat Shinhat, Acting Director, Asylum.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and motion adopted by the Committee on Wednesday, October 27, 2004, the Committee proceeded to a briefing on its study of Family Reunification Issues.

Rénaud Dussault made a statement and, with the Johanne Deslauriers, answered questions.

At 12:45 p.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 12:48 p.m., the sitting resumed.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee resumed its study of the Post Implementation of the Safe Third Country Agreement.

Robert Orr made a statement and, with the other witnesses, answered questions.

At 1:14 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

William Farrell
Clerk of the Committee

2005/02/28 4:18 p.m.

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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS
STANDING COMMITTEE ON CITIZENSHIP AND
IMMIGRATION

Chair: Andrew Telegdi, Lib.

Meeting No. 18

Tuesday, February 8, 2005

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on Wednesday, October 27, 2004 the Committee resumed its study on Citizenship Issues.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Diane Ablonczy,
David A. Anderson,
Colleen Beaumier,
Roger Clavet,
Meili Faille,
Hedy Fry,
Helena Guergis,
Rahim Jaffer,
Bill Siksay,
Andrew Telegdi
and Lui Temelkovski.

ACTING MEMBER PRESENT:

Nina Grewal for Inky Mark.

OTHER MEMBER PRESENT:

Borys Wrzesnewskyj.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:

Benjamin Dolin, Analyst.

WITNESSES:

Canadian Arab Federation:

Ameena Sultan.

Canadian Islamic Congress:

Khurram Awan, Law student.

German Canadian Congress, National:

Ulrich Frisse, Kitchener-Waterloo.

Metro Toronto Chinese and Southeast Asian Legal Clinic:

Avvy Yao-Yao Go, Director.

Ukrainian Canadian Congress:

Paul M. Grod, Canadian Citizenship Coalition.

Bill Pidruchney, Edmonton.

William Farrell
Clerk of the Committee



MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 18

Tuesday, February 8, 2005

The Standing Committee on Citizenship and Immigration met in a televised session at 11:13 a.m. this day, in Room 237-C Centre Block, the Chair, Andrew Telegdi, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Diane Ablonczy, David A. Anderson, Colleen Beaumier, Roger Clavet, Meili Faille, Hedy Fry, Helena Guergis, Rahim Jaffer, Bill Siksay, Andrew Telegdi and Lui Temelkovski.

Acting Members present: Nina Grewal for Inky Mark.

Other Members present: Borys Wrzesnewskyj.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Benjamin Dolin, Analyst.

Witnesses: Ukrainian Canadian Congress: Paul M. Grod, Canadian Citizenship Coalition. *German Canadian Congress, National:* Ulrich Frisse, Kitchener-Waterloo. *Canadian Arab Federation:* Ameena Sultan. *Metro Toronto Chinese and Southeast Asian Legal Clinic:* Avvy Yao-Yao Go, Director. *Canadian Islamic Congress:* Khurram Awan, Law student. *Ukrainian Canadian Congress:* Bill Pidruchney, Edmonton.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on Wednesday, October 27, 2004 the Committee commenced its study on Citizenship Issues.

The witnesses made statements and answered questions.

At 1:15 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

William Farrell
Clerk of the Committee

2005/02/11 2:50 p.m.

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IMMIGRATION

Chair: Hon. Andrew Telegdi, Lib.

Meeting No. 19

Thursday, February 10, 2005

ORDERS OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and motion adopted by the Committee on Wednesday, October 27, 2004, the Committee resumed its study of Family Reunification Issues

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Diane Ablonczy,
Hon. David A. Anderson,
Colleen Beaumier,
Roger Clavet,
Meili Faille,
Hedy Fry,
Bill Siksay,
Hon. Andrew Telegdi
and Lui Temelkovski.

ACTING MEMBER PRESENT:

Nina Grewal for Helena Guergis

OTHER MEMBER PRESENT:

Hon. Ed Broadbent

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:

Benjamin Dolin, Analyst.

Public Works and Government Services Canada:

Ahmed Elkhamloussy, Interpreter.

WITNESSES:

SOS Viet Phi:

Maxwell Vo, Project Coordinator;

Hoi Trinh, Lawyer, Australia;

Cecil Rotenberg, Lawyer, Immigration.

Tu-Anh Takacs.

As Individuals:

Andy Kusi-Appiah, Bob Chiarelli's Senior Policy Advisor.

Youssef Ibrais, Member, Coalition contre la déportation des
réfugiés palestiniens;

Nahid Jalali.

Community Legal Services:

Michael Bossin, Ottawa Carleton.

Ottawa Community Immigrant Services Organization:

Ahdi Guy.

William Farrell
Clerk of the Committee

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 19

Thursday, February 10, 2005

The Standing Committee on Citizenship and Immigration met at 11:15 a.m. this day, in Room 269 West Block, the Chair, Andrew Telegdi, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Diane Ablonczy, David A. Anderson, Colleen Beaumier, Roger Clavet, Meili Faille, Hedy Fry, Bill Siksay, Andrew Telegdi and Lui Temelkovski.

Acting Members present: Nina Grewal for Helena Guergis.

Other Members present: Ed Broadbent.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Benjamin Dolin, Analyst. *Public Works and Government Services Canada:* Ahmed Elkhamloussy, Interpreter.

Witnesses: SOS Viet Phi: Maxwell Vo, Project Coordinator; Hoi Trinh, Lawyer, Australia; Cecil Rotenberg, Lawyer, Immigration. *As Individuals:* Andy Kusi-Appiah, Bob Chiarelli's Senior Policy Advisor. *SOS Viet Phi:* Tu-Anh Takacs. *As Individuals:* Youssef Ibrais, Member, Coalition contre la déportation des réfugiés palestiniens; Nahid Jalali. *Community Legal Services:* Michael Bossin, Ottawa Carleton. *Ottawa Community Immigrant Services Organization:* Adhi Guy.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and motion adopted by the Committee on Wednesday, October 27, 2004, the Committee resumed its study of Family Reunification Issues.

Maxwell Vo, Hoi Trinh, Cecil Rotengerg, Andy Kusi-Appiah and Tu-Anh Takacs made statements and answered questions.

At 12:25 p.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 12:35 p.m., the sitting resumed.

Adhi Guy, Hanid Jalali and Youssef Ibrais made statements.

Michael Bossin made a statement and answered questions.

Meile Faille gave notice of the following motion:

REGARDING THE REMAINING 2 000 STATELESS VIETNAMESE REFUGEES IN THE PHILIPPINES

WHEREAS, the 2 000 Vietnamese refugees have remained stateless in the Philippines over the last 16 years without being given any status;

WHEREAS, this small number of Vietnamese refugees represents the last group of "boat people" from Vietnam, stranded in limbo since 1989;

WHEREAS, Australia and the U.K. have provided resettlement for some 300 refugees on humanitarian compassionate grounds since the year 2000;

WHEREAS, Norway and the U.S.A. have recently allowed the majority of the remaining 2 000 Vietnamese refugees to resettle in their countries on similar humanitarian grounds;

WHEREAS, some 200 families (approximately 500 individuals) are expected to be left behind without a durable solution after 16 years of displacement and statelessness;

WHEREAS, many of these families have relatives such as parents, siblings, and other relations living in Canada;

WHEREAS, the Vietnamese Community in Canada have found willing and able Canadian sponsors for all of the 200 refugee families;

WHEREAS, Canada accepts some 30 000 refugees annually and already has in place programs that would allow the resettlement of these families;

WHEREAS, these families meet the criteria set under the 'Country of Asylum' class which requires that the applicant:

- Be outside his/her country of citizenship;
- Has been affected by civil war or armed conflict; or
- Has suffered violations of human rights;
- Has no possibility, within a reasonable period of time, of having a durable solution; and
- Be privately sponsored.

The Standing Committee on Citizenship and Immigration requests the following:

1. The Honourable Minister of Citizenship and Immigration to allow the resettlement of these families in Canada under the 'Country of Asylum' class, on humanitarian compassionate grounds, during the 2005-2006 financial year.
2. During this process, these families be required to undergo normal procedures like all other refugees admitted into Canada.
3. The Honourable Minister of Citizenship and Immigration to respond, in writing, to members of this Committee, within a reasonable period of time, the overall result of Canada's efforts in providing a durable solution to this last group of 'boat people' from Vietnam.

At 13:03, the sitting was suspended.

At 13:06, the sitting resumed *in camera*.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

It was agreed, that the Chair be authorized to write to the Prime Minister urging the government to immediately table Citizenship legislation.

At 1:37 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

William Farrell
Clerk of the Committee

2005/02/14 1:47 p.m.

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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS
STANDING COMMITTEE ON CITIZENSHIP AND
IMMIGRATION

Chair: Hon. Andrew Telegdi, Lib.

Meeting No. 20

Tuesday, February 15, 2005

ORDERS OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and motion adopted by the Committee on Wednesday, October 27, 2004, the Committee resumed its study of Recognition of the International Experience and Credentials of Immigrants

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Diane Ablonczy,
Hon. David A. Anderson,
Colleen Beaumier,
Roger Clavet,
Hon. Hedy Fry,
Helena Guergis,
Rahim Jaffer,
Bill Siksay,
Hon. Andrew Telegdi
and Lui Temelkovski.

ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

Nina Grewal for Inky Mark,
and Yvon Lévesque for Meili Faille

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:

Benjamin Dolin, Analyst.

WITNESSES:

As Individuals:

Don J. DeVoretz, Professor of Economics, Co-director and
Principal Investigator of Centre of Excellence on
Immigration and Integration, Simon Fraser University;

Jeffrey Reitz, Professor of Sociology, R.F. Harney Professor of
Ethnic, Immigration and Pluralism Studies, University of
Toronto.

William Farrell
Clerk of the Committee

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 20

Tuesday, February 15, 2005

The Standing Committee on Citizenship and Immigration met at 11:05 a.m. this day, in Room 269 West Block, the Chair, Andrew Telegdi, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Diane Ablonczy, David A. Anderson, Colleen Beaumier, Roger Clavet, Hedy Fry, Helena Guergis, Rahim Jaffer, Bill Siksay, Andrew Telegdi and Lui Temelkovski.

Acting Members present: Nina Grewal for Inky Mark and Yvon Lévesque for Meili Faille.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Benjamin Dolin, Analyst.

Witnesses: As Individuals: Don J. DeVoretz, Professor of Economics, Co-director and Principal Investigator of Centre of Excellence on Immigration and Integration, Simon Fraser University; Jeffrey Reitz, Professor of Sociology, R.F. Harney Professor of Ethnic, Immigration and Pluralism Studies, University of Toronto.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on Wednesday, October 27, 2004, the Committee resumed its study of Recognition of the International Experience and Credentials of Immigrants.

The witnesses made statements and answered questions.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

Bill Siksay moved, — 1) That the government of Canada develop skills and competence-related criteria for all government appointments, including Board Members and senior Officers of Crown Corporations and other government agencies, for which the Standing Committee has reviewing responsibility; and that these criteria specifically address the non-partisan nature of these appointments.

2) That the government then submit these criteria to the Standing Committee for consideration, and approval with amendment if necessary.

3) That the Government of Canada then publicly release, including publishing in the Canada Gazette, the committee-approved criteria for each appointment.

4) That the names and background of each nominee for appointment be referred to the Standing Committee 60 days prior to the date of their appointment, with an explanation of how each nominee has met the established criteria; and, that the Committee, unless it unanimously decides otherwise, shall have at least one full meeting every two months (while the House of Commons is in session) to review the nominees .

Debate arose thereon.

By unanimous consent, it was agreed, — That the motion be amended by deleting in paragraph 4 “60

days”.

By unanimous consent, it was agreed, — That the motion as adopted and as amended, be a report of the Committee and that the Chair present the report to the House.

At 1:14 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

William Farrell
Clerk of the Committee

2005/02/25 3:24 p.m.

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STANDING COMMITTEE ON CITIZENSHIP AND
IMMIGRATION

Chair: Andrew Telegdi, Lib.

Meeting No. 21

Thursday, February 17, 2005

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and motion adopted by the Committee on Wednesday, October 27, 2004, the Committee resumed its study of Recognition of the International Experience and Credentials of Immigrants.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Diane Ablonczy,
David A. Anderson,
Colleen Beaumier,
Roger Clavet,
Meili Faille,
Hedy Fry,
Helena Guergis,
Rahim Jaffer,
Bill Siksay,
Andrew Telegdi
and Lui Temelkovski.

ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

Nina Grewal for Inky Mark.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:

Benjamin Dolin, Analyst.

WITNESSES:

Canadian Dental Association:

Alfred Dean, President;

Irwin Fefergrad, Royal College of Dental Surgeons of Ontario.

Canadian Council of Professional Engineers:

Marie Lemay, Chief Executive Officer.

Canadian Medical Association:

Albert Schumacher, President.

Canadian Council of Professional Engineers:

Deborah Wolfe, Director, Education, Outreach and Research.

Canadian Dental Association:

Benoit Soucy, Director, Membership and Professional Services.

Canadian Medical Association:

W. Todd Watkins, Director, Office of Professional Services,
Professional Affairs Department.

William Farrell
Clerk of the Committee

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 21

Thursday, February 17, 2005

The Standing Committee on Citizenship and Immigration met at 11:11 a.m. this day, in Room 308 West Block, the Chair, Andrew Telegdi, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Diane Ablonczy, David A. Anderson, Colleen Beaumier, Roger Clavet, Meili Faille, Hedy Fry, Helena Guergis, Rahim Jaffer, Bill Siksay, Andrew Telegdi and Lui Temelkovski.

Acting Members present: Nina Grewal for Inky Mark.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Benjamin Dolin, Analyst.

Witnesses: Canadian Dental Association: Alfred Dean, President; Irwin Fefergrad, Royal College of Dental Surgeons of Ontario. *Canadian Council of Professional Engineers:* Marie Lemay, Chief Executive Officer. *Canadian Medical Association:* Albert Schumacher, President. *Canadian Council of Professional Engineers:* Deborah Wolfe, Director, Education, Outreach and Research. *Canadian Dental Association:* Benoit Soucy, Director, Membership and Professional Services. *Canadian Medical Association:* W. Todd Watkins, Director, Office of Professional Services, Professional Affairs Department.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and motion adopted by the Committee on Wednesday, October 27, 2004, the Committee resumed its study of Recognition of the International Experience and Credentials of Immigrants.

Alfred Dean, Marie Lemay and Dr. Albert Schumacher made statements and with, Irwin Fefergrad, Benoit Soucy, Deborah Wolfe and Dr. W. Todd Watkins, answered questions.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

The Chair presented the First Report from the Subcommittee on Agenda and Procedure which read as follows:

That representatives from the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees be invited to address the topic of the SOS Viet Phi on February 22, 2005 from 12:30 p.m. to 13:00 p.m.

That the Committee hear from Departmental Officials on February 24 from 11:00 a.m. to 11:45 a.m., to address the topic of SOS Viet Phi.

That the Committee commence clause-by-clause consideration of Bill S-2 on February 24, 2005 and that Departmental officials be invited to appear from 11:45 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

That the Committee hear from the Minister of Citizenship and Immigration on February 24, 2005 from 12:30 p.m. to 13:30 p.m.

That the Minister and Deputy Minister be invited to appear on the Departmental Supplementary Estimates on Tuesday, March 8, 2005

That the Committee travel schedule be amended by the following:

- Monday, April 18 - St. John's, Newfoundland
- Tuesday, April 19 - Halifax, Nova Scotia
- Wednesday, April 20 - Charlottetown, Prince Edward Island
- Thursday, April 21 - Fredericton, New Brunswick
- Friday, April 22 - Montreal, Québec

That the Committee travel throughout Canada from April 4 to April 22, 2005.

That the Committee invite Ottawa-based organizations and individuals to address the Committee on the following topics:

- 1. A New Citizenship Act
- 2. Recognition of the International Experience and Credentials of Immigrants
- 3. Family Reunification Issues

and that these meetings be held on March 10, 22 and 24, 2005.

By unanimous consent, it was agreed, — That the report of the Subcommittee on Agenda and Procedure be concurred in.

At 1:07 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

William Farrell
Clerk of the Committee

2005/02/25 9:58 a.m.

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STANDING COMMITTEE ON CITIZENSHIP AND
IMMIGRATION

Chair: Andrew Telegdi, Lib.

Meeting No. 22

Tuesday, February 22, 2005

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee resumed its study of the Post Implementation of the Safe Third Country Agreement.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Diane Ablonczy,
Hon. David A. Anderson,
Roger Clavet,
Meili Faille,
Hon. Hedy Fry,
Helena Guergis,
Rahim Jaffer,
Inky Mark,
Bill Siksay,
Andrew Telegdi
and Lui Temelkovski.

ASSOCIATE MEMBERS PRESENT:

Nina Grewal.

OTHER MEMBERS PRESENT:

Tony Martin.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:

Benjamin Dolin, Analyst.

WITNESSES:

Sanctuary Coalition of Southern Ontario:

Jack Costello, Member;

Mary Jo Leddy, Member, Director of Romero House of Refugees;

Cesar Perez, Engineer (Refugee), Romero House of Refugees;

Paula Gomez, Lawyer in Colombia (Refugee), Romero House for Refugees.

As an Individual:

James Bissett.

William Farrell
Clerk of the Committee



MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 22

Tuesday, February 22, 2005

The Standing Committee on Citizenship and Immigration met at 11:10 a.m. this day, in Room 209 West Block, the Chair, Andrew Telegdi, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Diane Ablonczy, David A. Anderson, Roger Clavet, Meili Faille, Hedy Fry, Helena Guergis, Rahim Jaffer, Inky Mark, Bill Siksay, Andrew Telegdi and Lui Temelkovski.

Associate Members present: Nina Grewal.

Other Members present: Tony Martin.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Benjamin Dolin, Analyst.

Witnesses: Sanctuary Coalition of Southern Ontario: Jack Costello, Member; Mary Jo Leddy, Member, Director of Romero House of Refugees; Cesar Perez, Engineer (Refugee), Romero House of Refugees; Paula Gomez, Lawyer in Colombia (Refugee), Romero House for Refugees. *As an Individual:* James Bissett.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee resumed its study of the Post Implementation of the Safe Third Country Agreement.

Jack Costello, Mary Jo Leddy, Cesar Perez and Paula Gomez made statements and answered questions.

At 12:35 p.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 12:45 p.m., the sitting resumed.

James Bissett made a statement and answered questions.

At 1:15 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

William Farrell
Clerk of the Committee

2005/02/23 9:33 a.m.

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IMMIGRATION

Chair: Andrew Telegdi, Lib.

Meeting No. 23

Thursday, February 24, 2005

ORDERS OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee resumed its study on SOS Viet Phi.

Pursuant to the Order of Reference of Wednesday, February 16, 2005, the Committee commenced consideration of Bill S-2, An Act to amend the Citizenship Act.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee proceeded to a statement on the Minister's Vision for Citizenship and Immigration.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Diane Ablonczy
Roger Clavet
Meili Faille
Hon. Hedy Fry
Helena Guergis
Rahim Jaffer
Bill Siksay
Andrew Telegdi
Lui Temelkovski.

ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

Hon. Larry Bagnell for David A. Anderson,
Nina Grewal for Helena Guergis
Nina Grewal for Rahim Jaffer
Judi Longfield for Colleen Beaumier
Russ Powers for David A. Anderson
John Reynolds for Inky Mark.

ASSOCIATE MEMBERS PRESENT:

Nina Grewal
Mario Silva.

OTHER MEMBER PRESENT:

Hon. Larry Bagnell.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:
Benjamin Dolin, Analyst.
House of Commons:
Jean-François Lafleur, Legislative Clerk;

APPEARING:

Hon. Joseph Volpe, Minister of Citizenship and Immigration.

WITNESSES:

Department of Citizenship and Immigration:
Daniel Jean, Assistant Deputy Minister, Policy and Program
Development;
Robert Orr, Director General, Refugees Branch;
Rick Herringer, Director, Resettlement, Refugees;
Patricia Birkett, Acting Director General, Integration;
Paige Purcell, Counsel, Legal Services;
Janice Charette, Deputy Minister;
Irene Bader, Acting Assistant Deputy Minister, Operations.

William Farrell
Clerk of the Committee

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 23

Thursday, February 24, 2005

The Standing Committee on Citizenship and Immigration met in a televised session at 11:09 a.m. this day, in Room 237-C Centre Block, the Chair, Andrew Telegdi, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Diane Ablonczy, Roger Clavet, Meili Faille, Hedy Fry, Helena Guergis, Rahim Jaffer, Bill Siksay, Andrew Telegdi and Lui Temelkovski.

Acting Members present: Larry Bagnell for David A. Anderson, Nina Grewal for Helena Guergis, Nina Grewal for Rahim Jaffer, Judi Longfield for Colleen Beaumier, Russ Powers for David A. Anderson and John Reynolds for Inky Mark.

Associate Members present: Nina Grewal and Mario Silva.

Other Members present: Larry Bagnell.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Benjamin Dolin, Analyst. *House of Commons:* Jean-François Lafleur, Legislative Clerk.

Appearing: Hon. Joseph Volpe, Minister of Citizenship and Immigration.

Witnesses: Department of Citizenship and Immigration: Daniel Jean, Assistant Deputy Minister, Policy and Program Development; Robert Orr, Director General, Refugees Branch; Rick Herringer, Director, Resettlement, Refugees; Patricia Birkett, Acting Director General, Integration; Paige Purcell, Counsel, Legal Services; Janice Charette, Deputy Minister; Irene Bader, Acting Assistant Deputy Minister, Operations.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee resumed its study on SOS Viet Phi.

Daniel Jean made a statement and answered questions.

At 11:27 a.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 11:30 a.m., the sitting resumed.

Questioning of the Daniel Jean resumed.

At 11:43 a.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 11:45 a.m., the sitting resumed.

Pursuant to the Order of Reference of Wednesday, February 16, 2005, the Committee commenced consideration of Bill S-2, An Act to amend the Citizenship Act.

Daniel Jean made a statement and answered questions.

The Committee commenced its clause-by-clause study of the Bill.

The Chair called Clause 1.

On Clause 1,

Hedy Fry moved, — That Bill S-2 be amended by adding after line 15 on page 1 the following:

(1.2) A person referred to in subsection (1.1) shall not be granted citizenship under subsection (1) or take the oath of citizenship

(a) while the person is charged with, on trial for, or subject to or a party to an appeal or a review relating to, an offence outside Canada that, if committed in Canada, would constitute an indictable offence, unless the Minister is satisfied that the charge made against the person is without foundation and was made for the purpose of persecuting or discrediting the person;

(b) if the person is serving a sentence outside Canada for an offence referred to in paragraph (a) or paragraph 22(1)(b);

(c) if the person has been convicted of an offence referred to in paragraph (a) during the period beginning three years before the date of their application and ending on the date that the person would otherwise be granted citizenship or take the oath of citizenship, whether or not they have been pardoned or otherwise granted amnesty by a foreign authority.

After debate, the question was put on the amendment of Hedy Fry and it was negatived.

Clause 1 carried.

The Title carried.

The Bill carried.

ORDERED, — That the Chair report the Bill to the House.

At 12:10 p.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 12:29 p.m., the sitting resumed.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee proceeded to a statement on the Minister's Vision for Citizenship and Immigration.

Minister Joseph Volpe made a statement and answered questions.

At 1:30 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

William Farrell
Clerk of the Committee

2005/02/25 8:56 a.m.

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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS
STANDING COMMITTEE ON CITIZENSHIP AND
IMMIGRATION

Chair: Andrew Telegdi, Lib.

Meeting No. 24

Tuesday, March 8, 2005

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 81(5), the Committee commenced consideration of the Supplementary Estimates (B) 2005: Vote 1b, 2b and 5b under the Department of Citizenship and Immigration Canada referred to the Committee on Friday, February 25, 2005.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Diane Ablonczy
Colleen Beaumier
Roger Clavet
Meili Faille
Hon. Hedy Fry
Helena Guergis
Rahim Jaffer
Inky Mark
Bill Siksay
Andrew Telegdi
Lui Temelkovski.

ACTING MEMBER PRESENT:

Borys Wrzesnewskyj for David A. Anderson.

ASSOCIATE MEMBER PRESENT:

Nina Grewal.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:

Benjamin Dolin, Analyst.

APPEARING:

Hon. Joseph Volpe, Minister of Citizenship and Immigration.

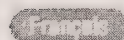
WITNESSES:

Department of Citizenship and Immigration:

Janice Charette, Deputy Minister;

Wayne Ganim, Acting Assistant Deputy Minister, Centralized
Service Delivery and Corporate Services.

William Farrell
Clerk of the Committee



MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 24

Tuesday, March 8, 2005

The Standing Committee on Citizenship and Immigration met in a televised session at 12:03 p.m. this day, in Room 253-D Centre Block, the Chair, Andrew Telegdi, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Diane Ablonczy, Colleen Beaumier, Roger Clavet, Meili Faille, Hedy Fry, Helena Guergis, Rahim Jaffer, Inky Mark, Bill Siksay, Andrew Telegdi and Lui Temelkovski.

Acting Members present: Borys Wrzesnewskyj for David A. Anderson.

Associate Members present: Nina Grewal.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Benjamin Dolin, Analyst.

Appearing: Hon. Joseph Volpe, Minister of Citizenship and Immigration.

Witnesses: Department of Citizenship and Immigration: Janice Charette, Deputy Minister; Wayne Ganim, Acting Assistant Deputy Minister, Centralized Service Delivery and Corporate Services.

Pursuant to Standing Order 81(5), the Committee commenced consideration of the Supplementary Estimates (B) 2005: Vote 1b, 2b and 5b under the Department of Citizenship and Immigration Canada referred to the Committee on Friday, February 25, 2005.

Minister Joseph Volpe made a statement, and with Janice Charette and Wayne Ganim, answered questions.

It was agreed, — That Vote 1b carry.

It was agreed, — That Vote 2b carry.

It was agreed, — That Vote 5b carry.

ORDERED, — That the Chair report Votes 1b, 2b and 5b, under the Department of Citizenship and Immigration Canada to the House.

On motion of Bill Siksay, it was agreed, — That the Clerk of the Committee be authorized to make necessary arrangements to organize a reception in Toronto for the visiting Norwegian delegation.

On motion of Bill Siksay, it was agreed, — That notwithstanding the motion adopted by the Committee at its second meeting on October 20, 2004, that the reduced quorum to receive and publish evidence during the Committee's travel be two members, when quorum is not present.

At 1:37 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

William Farrell
Clerk of the Committee

2005/03/09 8:40 a.m.

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STANDING COMMITTEE ON CITIZENSHIP AND
IMMIGRATION

Chair: Hon. Andrew Telegdi, Lib.

Meeting No. 25

Thursday, March 10, 2005

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and motion adopted by the Committee on Wednesday, October 27, 2004, the Committee resumed its study of Recognition of the International Experience and Credentials of Immigrants

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Hon. David A. Anderson,
Colleen Beaumier,
Roger Clavet,
Meili Faille,
Bill Siksay,
Hon. Andrew Telegdi
and Lui Temelkovski.

ACTING MEMBER PRESENT:

Nina Grewal for Rahim Jaffer.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:
Benjamin Dolin, Analyst.

WITNESSES:

Conference Board of Canada:

Michael Bloom, Executive Director, Strategic Projects and
Initiatives and Director, Education and Learning.

Canadian Nurses Association:

Lisa Little, Health Human Resources Consultant.

Centre for Canadian Language Benchmarks:

Pauline McNaughton, Executive Director.

Canadian Pharmacists Association:

Jeff W. Poston, Executive Director.

William Farrell
Clerk of the Committee

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 25

Thursday, March 10, 2005

The Standing Committee on Citizenship and Immigration met at 11:12 a.m. this day, in Room 269 West Block, the Chair, Andrew Telegdi, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: David A. Anderson, Colleen Beaumier, Roger Clavet, Meili Faille, Bill Siksay, Andrew Telegdi and Lui Temelkovski.

Acting Members present: Nina Grewal for Rahim Jaffer.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Benjamin Dolin, Analyst.

Witnesses: Conference Board of Canada: Michael Bloom, Executive Director, Strategic Projects and Initiatives and Director, Education and Learning. *Canadian Nurses Association:* Lisa Little, Health Human Resources Consultant. *Centre for Canadian Language Benchmarks:* Pauline McNaughton, Executive Director. *Canadian Pharmacists Association:* Jeff W. Poston, Executive Director.

The Chair presented the Second Report from the Subcommittee on Agenda and Procedure which read as follows:

That Gurmant Grewal, M.P., Officials from the Department of Citizenship and Immigration and representatives from the Canadian Bar Association be invited to appear on Thursday, March 24, 2005 to speak on Bill C-283.

That the names of Members travelling in April 2005 be submitted to the clerk no later than March 21, 2005.

That the Committee discuss the motions of Meili Faille and Diane Ablonczy from 1:00 p.m. to 1:30 p.m. on Tuesday, March 22, 2005.

That the Clerk be authorized to schedule Ottawa-based witnesses during the month of May 2005.

That the Analyst prepare a summary of evidence on Recognition of the International Experience and Credentials of Immigrants and Family Reunification before the summer adjournment.

On motion of Bill Siksay, it was agreed, — That the report of the Subcommittee be concurred in.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and motion adopted by the Committee on Wednesday, October 27, 2004, the Committee resumed its study of Recognition of the International Experience and Credentials of Immigrants.

Lisa Little, Jeff W. Poston, Pauline McNaughton and Michael Bloom made statements and answered questions.

At 12:52 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

William Farrell
Clerk of the Committee

2005/03/16 3:25 p.m.

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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS
STANDING COMMITTEE ON CITIZENSHIP AND
IMMIGRATION

Chair: Andrew Telegdi, Lib.

Meeting No. 26

Tuesday, March 22, 2005

ORDERS OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and motion adopted by the Committee on Wednesday, October 27, 2004, the Committee resumed its study of Recognition of the International Experience and Credentials of Immigrants.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Diane Ablonczy
David A. Anderson
Colleen Beaumier
Roger Clavet
Meili Faille
Hedy Fry
Helena Guergis
Rahim Jaffer
Inky Mark
Bill Siksay
Andrew Telegdi
Lui Temelkovski.

ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

Nina Grewal for Rahim Jaffer,
David Smith for Lui Temelkovski.

ASSOCIATE MEMBER PRESENT:

Nina Grewal.

OTHER MEMBER PRESENT:

David Smith.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:
Benjamin Dolin, Analyst.

WITNESSES:

Algonquin College School of Health and Community Studies:
Barbara Foulds, Chair of Nursing;
Carmen Hust, Foreign Trained Nurse Project Lead.
Marlene Tosh, Chair of Continuing Education.

University of Ottawa:
Sylvie Lauzon, Director and Associate Dean, School of Nursing,
Faculty of Health Sciences.

Association of Universities and Colleges of Canada:
Karen McBride, Vice-President, International Affairs
Claire Morris, President and CEO.

Ottawa Community Immigrant Services Organization:
Jennifer McKenzie, Member of the Board
John Melville, Cross Cultural Education Coordinator
Luz Maria Alvarez Wilson, Member of the Board
Nancy Worsfold, Executive Director.

National Association of Pharmacy Regulatory Authorities:
Ken Potvin, Executive Director.

William Farrell
Clerk of the Committee



MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 26

Tuesday, March 22, 2005

The Standing Committee on Citizenship and Immigration met at 11:07 a.m. this day, in Room 209 West Block, the Chair, Andrew Telegdi, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Diane Ablonczy, David A. Anderson, Colleen Beaumier, Roger Clavet, Meili Faille, Hedy Fry, Helena Guergis, Rahim Jaffer, Inky Mark, Bill Siksay, Andrew Telegdi and Lui Temelkovski.

Acting Members present: Nina Grewal for Rahim Jaffer and David Smith for Lui Temelkovski.

Associate Members present: Nina Grewal.

Other Members present: David Smith.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Benjamin Dolin, Analyst.

Witnesses: Algonquin College School of Health and Community Studies: Barbara Foulds, Chair of Nursing; Carmen Hust, Foreign Trained Nurse Project Lead. *University of Ottawa:* Sylvie Lauzon, Director and Associate Dean, School of Nursing, Faculty of Health Sciences. *Association of Universities and Colleges of Canada:* Karen McBride, Vice-President, International Affairs. *Ottawa Community Immigrant Services Organization:* Jennifer McKenzie, Member of the Board; John Melville, Cross Cultural Education Coordinator. *Association of Universities and Colleges of Canada:* Claire Morris, President and CEO. *National Association of Pharmacy Regulatory Authorities:* Ken Potvin, Executive Director. *Algonquin College School of Health and Community Studies:* Marlene Tosh, Chair of Continuing Education. *Ottawa Community Immigrant Services Organization:* Luz Maria Alvarez Wilson, Member of the Board; Nancy Worsfold, Executive Director.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and motion adopted by the Committee on Wednesday, October 27, 2004, the Committee resumed its study of Recognition of the International Experience and Credentials of Immigrants.

Clair Morris, Ken Potvin, Carmen Hust and Nancy Worsfold made statements and with, Karen McBride, Carmen Hust and Luz Maria Alvarez Wilson, answered questions.

At 12:52 p.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 1:00 p.m., the sitting resumed.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

Meili Faille moved, — REMAINING 2 000 STATELESS VIETNAMESE REFUGEES IN THE PHILIPPINES

WHEREAS, the 2 000 Vietnamese refugees have remained stateless in the Philippines over the last 16

years without being given any status;

WHEREAS, this small number of Vietnamese refugees represents the last group of 'boat people' from Vietnam, stranded in limbo since 1989;

WHEREAS, Australia and the U.K. have provided resettlement for some 300 refugees on humanitarian compassionate grounds since the year 2000;

WHEREAS, Norway and the U.S.A. have recently allowed the majority of the remaining 2 000 Vietnamese refugees to resettle in their countries on similar humanitarian grounds;

WHEREAS, some 200 families (approximately 500 individuals) are expected to be left behind without a durable solution after 16 years of displacement and statelessness;

WHEREAS, many of these families have relatives such as parents, siblings, and other relations living in Canada;

WHEREAS, the Vietnamese Community in Canada have found willing and able Canadian sponsors for all of the 200 refugee families;

WHEREAS, Canada accepts some 30 000 refugees annually and already has in place programs that would allow the resettlement of these families;

WHEREAS, these families meet the criteria set under the 'Country of Asylum' class which requires that the applicant:

- Be outside his/her country of citizenship
- Has been affected by civil war or armed conflict or
- Has suffered violations of human rights;
- Has no possibility, within a reasonable period of time, of having a durable solution; and
- Be privately sponsored

The Standing Committee on Citizenship and Immigration requests the following:

1. The Honourable Minister of Citizenship and Immigration to allow the resettlement of these families in Canada under the 'Country of Asylum' class, on humanitarian compassionate grounds, during the 2005-2006 financial year.
2. During this process, these families be required to undergo normal procedures like all other refugees admitted into Canada.
3. The Honourable Minister of Citizenship and Immigration to respond, in writing, to members of this Committee, within a reasonable period of time, the overall result of Canada's efforts in providing a durable solution to this last group of 'boat people' from Vietnam.

After debate, the question was put on the motion and it was agreed to.

Diane Ablonczy moved, — The Standing Committee on Citizenship and Immigration requests the following:

1. The total number TRP's recommended by the Minister of Citizenship and Immigration, concurred in by the Minister of Citizenship and Immigration, or otherwise personally and directly approved by the Minister of Citizenship and Immigration, during the period January 1, 2003 to December 31, 2004.
2. The number TRP's recommended by the Minister of Citizenship and Immigration, concurred in by the Minister of Citizenship and Immigration, or otherwise personally and directly approved by the Minister of Citizenship and Immigration, during the period January 1, 2003 to December 31, 2004, broken down by calendar month.
3. The total number TRP's recommended by the Minister of Citizenship and Immigration, concurred in by the Minister of Citizenship and Immigration, or otherwise personally and directly approved by the Minister of Citizenship and Immigration, during the period January 1, 2003 to December 31, 2004, broken down by postal code of the recipient.
4. The number TRP's recommended by the Minister of Citizenship and Immigration, concurred in by the Minister of Citizenship and Immigration, or otherwise personally and directly approved by the Minister of Citizenship and Immigration, during the period January 1, 2003 to December 31, 2004, broken down by calendar month, by postal code of the recipient.
5. The total number TRP's recommended by the Minister of Citizenship and Immigration, concurred in by the Minister of Citizenship and Immigration, or otherwise personally and directly approved by the Minister of Citizenship and Immigration, during the period January 1, 2003 to December 31, 2004, that were required to overcome criminal inadmissibility provisions of Canada's immigration laws and regulations.
6. The total number TRP's recommended by the Minister of Citizenship and Immigration, concurred in by the Minister of Citizenship and Immigration, or otherwise personally and directly approved by the Minister of Citizenship and Immigration, during the period January 1, 2003 to December 31, 2004, that were required to overcome criminal inadmissibility provisions of Canada's immigration laws and regulations, broken down by postal code of the recipient.
7. The total number TRP's recommended by the Minister of Citizenship and Immigration, concurred in by the Minister of Citizenship and Immigration, or otherwise personally and directly approved by the Minister of Citizenship and Immigration, during the period January 1, 2003 to December 31, 2004, that were required to overcome medical inadmissibility provisions of Canada's immigration laws and regulations.
8. The total number TRP's recommended by the Minister of Citizenship and Immigration, concurred in by the Minister of Citizenship and Immigration, or otherwise personally and directly approved by the Minister of Citizenship and Immigration, during the period January 1, 2003 to December 31, 2004, that were required to overcome medical inadmissibility provisions of Canada's immigration laws and regulations, broken down by postal code of the recipient.

After debate, the question was put on the motion and it was agreed to.

ORDERED, — That the motions as adopted, be reports of the Committee and that the Chair present the

reports to the House.

Diane Ablonczy moved, — The Standing Committee on Citizenship and Immigration requests the following:

1. That the Department of Citizenship and Immigration provide the Committee with a detailed, step-by-step, explanation of the process that results in specific targets being set for each immigration processing post at each visa office. This explanation shall identify the persons who are significant intervening in this process, including public servants with the Department of Citizenship and Immigration. All individuals who have been involved in this process within the previous eight (8) months who are not public servants with the Department of Citizenship and Immigration shall be identified by name.
2. That the Privy Council Office provide the Committee with a detailed, step-by-step, explanation of the process that results in specific targets being set for each immigration processing post at each visa office. This explanation shall identify the persons who are significant intervening in this process, including all persons not employed with the Privy Council Office. All individuals who have been involved in this process within the previous eight (8) months who are not employees of the Privy Council Office or the Department of Citizenship and Immigration shall be identified by name.

After debate, the question was put on the motion and it was agreed to.

ORDERED, — That the motion as adopted, be a report of the Committee and that the Chair present the report report to the House.

By unanimous consent, it was agreed, — That the Chair be authorized to write on behalf of the Committee, to the appropriate Ministers informing them of the motions adopted on Tuesday, March 22, 2005 by the Standing Committee on Citizenship and Immigration.

Colleen Beaumier moved, — That the House of Commons Standing Committee on Citizenship and Immigration authorize the Chair to write on behalf of the Committee to the House Leaders, the Chair of the House of Commons Standing Committee on Procedure and House Affairs, and the Speaker of the House of Commons to make the following request:

Whereas House of Commons committees that are authorized to travel by the House of Commons are conducting the official business of Parliament;

Whereas returning from authorized travel to vote in the House of Commons is costly, inconvenient, and disrespectful of witnesses, many of whom go to great lengths to make themselves available to appear before the committee;

Whereas Members of Parliament have a right to represent their constituents by voting in the House of Commons and should not be hindered by the fact that they are outside of Ottawa conducting official parliamentary business;

The House of Commons Standing Committee on Citizenship and Immigration recommends that when there is a vote in the House of Commons and a House of Commons Committee is traveling on official business, the Standing Committee should be viewed, for the purpose of said vote, as an extension of the House of Commons and the clerk of the Committee should be authorized to register and report the vote to the Speaker of the House of Commons.

After debate, by unanimous consent, the motion was allowed to stand.

At 1:37 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

William Farrell
Clerk of the Committee

2005/03/23 12:20 p.m.

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HOUSE OF COMMONS OF CANADA
38th PARLIAMENT, 1st SESSION

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS
**STANDING COMMITTEE ON CITIZENSHIP AND
IMMIGRATION**

Chair: Hon. Andrew Telegdi, Lib.

Meeting No. 27

Thursday, March 24, 2005

ORDERS OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to the Order of Reference of Wednesday, March 9, 2005, the Committee commenced consideration of Bill C-283, An Act to amend the Immigration and Refugee Protection Act and the Immigration and Refugee Protection Regulations.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee proceeded to a briefing session on foreign credential recognition.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Diane Ablonczy,
Colleen Beaumier,
Meili Faille,
Helena Guergis,
Rahim Jaffer,
Inky Mark,
Bill Siksay,
Andrew Telegdi
and Lui Temelkovski.

ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

Marc Lemay for Roger Clavet,
and Hon. Gurbax Malhi for David A. Anderson.

ASSOCIATE MEMBER PRESENT:

Nina Grewal.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:
Benjamin Dolin, Analyst.

APPEARING:

Hon. Hedy Fry, Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Citizenship and Immigration.

WITNESSES:

Department of Citizenship and Immigration:
Neil Cochrane, Director, Legislative and Regulatory Policy,
Admissibility Branch.

Canadian Bar Association:
Isabelle Dongier, Executive Member, National Citizenship and
Immigration Law Section, Director, Legislation and Law Reform.

House of Commons:
Gurmant Grewal, Newton—North Delta.

Department of Citizenship and Immigration:
Daniel Jean, Assistant Deputy Minister, Policy and Program
Development.

Lexbase:
Richard Kurland, Editor-in-Chief.

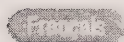
Canadian Bar Association:
Tamra L. Thomson, Director, Legislation and Law Reform.

Department of Citizenship and Immigration:
Diane Vincent, Associate Deputy Minister.

Department of Justice:

Paul Yurack, Counsel, Legal Services.

William Farrell
Clerk of the Committee



MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 27

Thursday, March 24, 2005

The Standing Committee on Citizenship and Immigration met at 11:02 a.m. this day, in Room 209 West Block, the Chair, Andrew Telegdi, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Diane Ablonczy, Colleen Beaumier, Meili Faille, Helena Guergis, Rahim Jaffer, Inky Mark, Bill Siksai, Andrew Telegdi and Lui Temelkovski.

Acting Members present: Marc Lemay for Roger Clavet and Gurbax Malhi for David A. Anderson.

Associate Members present: Nina Grewal.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Benjamin Dolin, Analyst.

Appearing: Hon. Hedy Fry, Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Citizenship and Immigration.

Witnesses: Department of Citizenship and Immigration: Neil Cochrane, Director, Legislative and Regulatory Policy, Admissibility Branch. *Canadian Bar Association:* Isabelle Dongier, Executive Member, National Citizenship and Immigration Law Section, Director, Legislation and Law Reform. *House of Commons:* Gurmant Grewal, Newton—North Delta. *Department of Citizenship and Immigration:* Daniel Jean, Assistant Deputy Minister, Policy and Program Development. *Lexbase:* Richard Kurland, Editor-in-Chief. *Canadian Bar Association:* Tamra L. Thomson, Director, Legislation and Law Reform. *Department of Citizenship and Immigration:* Diane Vincent, Associate Deputy Minister. *Department of Justice:* Paul Yurack, Counsel, Legal Services.

Pursuant to the Order of Reference of Wednesday, March 9, 2005, the Committee commenced consideration of Bill C-283, An Act to amend the Immigration and Refugee Protection Act and the Immigration and Refugee Protection Regulations.

Gurmant Grewal, Daniel Jean, Richard Kurland and Isabelle Dongier made statements, and with Tamra L. Thomson answered questions.

At 12:57 p.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 1:15 p.m., the sitting resumed.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

On motion of Inky Mark, it was agreed, — That the proposed budget of Eight thousand dollars from April 1, 2005 to August 31, 2005 for the Committee's study on Recognition of the International Experience and Credentials of Immigrants be adopted.

Bill Siksai moved, — That the proposed budget of Eight thousand dollars from April 1, 2005 to August 31, 2005 for the Committee's study on Citizenship Issues be adopted.

After debate, the question was put on the motion and it was agreed to.

On motion of Meili Faille, it was agreed, — That the proposed budget of Eight thousand dollars from April 1, 2005 to August 31, 2005 for the Committee's study on Family Reunification Issues be adopted.

The Committee proceeded to the stood motion of Colleen Beaumier

The Committee resumed consideration of the motion of Colleen Beaumier, — That the House of Commons Standing Committee on Citizenship and Immigration authorize the Chair to write on behalf of the Committee to the House Leaders, the Chair of the House of Commons Standing Committee on Procedure and House Affairs, and the Speaker of the House of Commons to make the following request:

Whereas House of Commons committees that are authorized to travel by the House of Commons are conducting the official business of Parliament;

Whereas returning from authorized travel to vote in the House of Commons is costly, inconvenient, and disrespectful of witnesses, many of whom go to great lengths to make themselves available to appear before the committee;

Whereas Members of Parliament have a right to represent their constituents by voting in the House of Commons and should not be hindered by the fact that they are outside of Ottawa conducting official parliamentary business;

The House of Commons Standing Committee on Citizenship and Immigration recommends that when there is a vote in the House of Commons and a House of Commons Committee is traveling on official business, the Standing Committee should be viewed, for the purpose of said vote, as an extension of the House of Commons and the clerk of the Committee should be authorized to register and report the vote to the Speaker of the House of Commons.

After debate, by unanimous consent, the motion was withdrawn.

On motion of Lui Temelkovski, it was agreed, — That the House of Commons Standing Committee on Citizenship and Immigration authorize the Chair to write on behalf of the Committee to the House Leaders, the Chair of the House of Commons Standing Committee on Procedure and House Affairs, and the Speaker of the House of Commons to make the following request:

Whereas House of Commons committees that are authorized to travel by the House of Commons are conducting the official business of Parliament;

Whereas returning from authorized travel to vote in the House of Commons is costly, inconvenient, and disrespectful of witnesses, many of whom go to great lengths to make themselves available to appear before the committee;

Whereas Members of Parliament have a right to represent their constituents by voting in the House of Commons and should not be hindered by the fact that they are outside of Ottawa conducting official parliamentary business;

The House of Commons Standing Committee on Citizenship and Immigration recommends that when there is a vote in the House of Commons and a House of Commons Committee is traveling on official business, the Standing Committee should be viewed, for the purpose of said vote, as an extension of the House of Commons and the clerk of the Committee should be authorized to register and report the vote

to the Speaker of the House of Commons

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee proceeded to a briefing session on foreign credential recognition.

Hon. Hedy Fry made a statement.

At 2:02 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

William Farrell
Clerk of the Committee

2005/03/31 11:56 a.m.

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38th PARLIAMENT, 1st SESSION

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS
STANDING COMMITTEE ON CITIZENSHIP AND
IMMIGRATION

Chair: Andrew Telegdi, Lib.

Meeting No. 28

Monday, April 4, 2005

ORDERS OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on Wednesday, October 27, 2004 the Committee resumed its study on Citizenship Issues.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and motion adopted by the Committee on Wednesday, October 27, 2004, the Committee resumed its study of Recognition of the International Experience and Credentials of Immigrants.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Hon. David A. Anderson,
Roger Clavet,
Inky Mark,
Bill Siksay,
Andrew Telegdi
and Lui Temelkovski.

ACTING MEMBER PRESENT:

Nina Grewal for Rahim Jaffer.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:
Benjamin Dolin, Analyst.

WITNESSES:

B'nai Brith Canada:

David Matas, Lead Counsel;
Alan Yusim.

Ukrainian Professional and Business Federation of Canada:

John S. Petryshyn, President.

Ukrainian Canadian Congress - Manitoba Provincial Council:

Lesia Szwaluk.

Jewish Federation of Winnipeg/Combined Jewish Appeal:

Bob Silver, Chair, Grow Winnipeg Steering Committee;
Faye Rosenberg-Cohen, Planning Director.

College of Registered Nurse of Manitoba:

Karen Dunlop, President.

Thunder Bay Multicultural Association:

Cathy Woodbeck, Program Director.

Jewish Immigrant Aid Services of Canada:

Mira Thow, Member, Board of Directors.

Success Skills Centre:

Monika Feist, Director;
Tayeb Méridji, Labour Market Specialist.

As an Individual:

Dr. Vedanand, Professor, Transcultural Management, University of
Manitoba.

William Farrell
Clerk of the Committee

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 28

Monday, April 4, 2005

The Standing Committee on Citizenship and Immigration met at 8:32 a.m. this day, in the Ballroom CD, Hilton Suites Airport Hotel, Winnipeg, Manitoba, the Chair, Andrew Telegdi, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: David A. Anderson, Roger Clavet, Inky Mark, Bill Siksay, Andrew Telegdi and Lui Melkovski.

Guest Members present: Nina Grewal for Rahim Jaffer.

Attendance: Library of Parliament: Benjamin Dolin, Analyst.

Witnesses: B'nai Brith Canada: David Matas, Lead Counsel; Alan Yusim. Ukrainian Professional and Business Association of Canada: John S. Petryshyn, President. Ukrainian Canadian Congress - Manitoba Provincial Council: Maria Szwaluk. Jewish Federation of Winnipeg/Combined Jewish Appeal: Bob Silver, Chair, Grow Winnipeg Steering Committee; Faye Rosenberg-Cohen, Planning Director. College of Registered Nurse of Manitoba: Karen Dunlop, President. Thunder Bay Multicultural Association: Cathy Woodbeck, Program Director. Jewish Immigrant Aid Services of Canada: Mira Thow, Member, Board of Directors. As an Individual: Vedanand, Professor, Transcultural Management, University of Manitoba. Success Skills Centre: Monika Feist, Director; Tayeb Méridji, Labour Market Specialist.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on Wednesday, October 27, 2004 the Committee resumed its study on Citizenship Issues.

Item I. Citizenship

David Matas and John S. Petryshyn made a statement and answered questions.

At 9:47 a.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 10:08 a.m., the sitting resumed.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and motion adopted by the Committee on Wednesday, October 27, 2004, the Committee resumed its study of Recognition of the International Experience and Credentials of Immigrants.

Item II. Foreign Credentials

Bob Silver, Karen Dunlop, Cathy Woodbeck and Mira Thow made statements and, with Faye Rosenberg-Cohen answered questions.

At 11:30 a.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 11:35 a.m., the sitting resumed.

Item III. Foreign Credentials

Professor Vedanand made a statement and answered questions.

Monika Feist made a statement and, with Tayeb Méridji answered questions.

At 12:12 p.m., the Committee adjourned to later this day.

William Farrell
Clerk of the Committee

2005/04/05 5:20 p.m.

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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS
STANDING COMMITTEE ON CITIZENSHIP AND
IMMIGRATION

Chair: Andrew Telegdi, Lib.

Meeting No. 29

Monday, April 4, 2005

ORDERS OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and motion adopted by the Committee on Wednesday, October 27, 2004, the Committee resumed its study of Recognition of the International Experience and Credentials of Immigrants.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and motion adopted by the Committee on Wednesday, October 27, 2004, the Committee resumed its study of Family Reunification Issues.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Hon. David A. Anderson,
Roger Clavet,
Inky Mark,
Bill Siksay,
Andrew Telegdi
and Lui Temelkovski.

ACTING MEMBER PRESENT:

Nina Grewal for Rahim Jaffer.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:
Benjamin Dolin, Analyst.

WITNESSES:

Manitoba Legislative Assembly:

Gerry Clément, Assistant Deputy Minister, Immigration and Multiculturalism;
Ximena Munoz, Director, Program Integration.

As Individuals:

David Matas, Immigration Lawyer.

Zaifman Associates:

Kenneth Zaifman, President, Immigration Lawyer.

As Individuals:

Thomas R. Denton.

Canadian Bar Association:

Baerbel Langner-Pennell, Chair (Manitoba Branch), Citizenship and Immigration Law Section, Zaifman Associates.

First Presbyterian Church Mission:

Joseph Zihahirwa;
Jack Duckworth.

Jewish Immigrant Aid Services of Canada:

Mira Thow, Member, Board of Directors.

Manitoba Interfaith Immigration Council (Welcome Place):

John Peters, Coordinator, Sponsorship Services;
Hai Tonthat, Coordinator, Sponsorship Services.

Jewish Federation of Winnipeg/Combined Jewish Appeal:

Leslie Wilder, Chair, Immigration Sub-Committee;
Faye Rosenberg-Cohen, Planning Director.

As Individuals:

Vedanand, Professor, Transcultural Management, University of Manitoba.

Mennonite Central Committee Canada:

Ed Wiebe, Coordinator, Refugee Program;
Elaine Harder, Coordinator, Refugee Program.

Needs Centre for War-Affected Families:

Margaret von Lau, Executive Director;

Selamawi Ezuz, Coordinator, Counselling Program.

William Farrell
Clerk of the Committee



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Meeting No. 29

Monday, April 4, 2005

The Standing Committee on Citizenship and Immigration met at 1:09 p.m. this day, in the Ballroom CD, Hilton Suites Airport Hotel, Winnipeg, Manitoba, the Chair, Andrew Telegdi, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Hon. David A. Anderson, Roger Clavet, Inky Mark, Bill Siksay, Andrew Telegdi and Lui Temelkovski.

Acting Members present: Nina Grewal for Rahim Jaffer.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Benjamin Dolin, Analyst.

Witnesses: Manitoba Legislative Assembly: Gerry Clément, Assistant Deputy Minister, Immigration and Multiculturalism; Ximena Munoz, Director, Program Integration. *As Individuals:* David Matas, Immigration Lawyer. *Zaifman Associates:* Kenneth Zaifman, President, Immigration Lawyer. *As Individuals:* Thomas R. Denton. *Canadian Bar Association:* Baerbel Langner-Pennell, Chair (Manitoba Branch), Citizenship and Immigration Law Section, Zaifman Associates. *First Presbyterian Church Mission:* Joseph Zihahirwa; Jack Duckworth. *Jewish Immigrant Aid Services of Canada:* Mira Thow, Member, Board of Directors. *Manitoba Interfaith Immigration Council (Welcome Place):* John Peters, Coordinator, Sponsorship Services; Hai Tonthat, Coordinator, Sponsorship Services. *Jewish Federation of Winnipeg/Combined Jewish Appeal:* Leslie Wilder, Chair, Immigration Sub-Committee; Faye Rosenberg-Cohen, Planning Director. *As Individuals:* Vedanand, Professor, Transcultural Management, University of Manitoba. *Mennonite Central Committee Canada:* Ed Wiebe, Coordinator, Refugee Program; Elaine Harder, Coordinator, Refugee Program. *Needs Centre for War-Affected Families:* Margaret von Lau, Executive Director; Selamawi Ezuz, Coordinator, Counselling Program.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and motion adopted by the Committee on Wednesday, October 27, 2004, the Committee resumed its study of Recognition of the International Experience and Credentials of Immigrants.

Gerry Clément made a statement and, with Ximena Munoz, answered questions.

At 1:48 p.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 1:51 p.m., the sitting resumed.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and motion adopted by the Committee on Wednesday, October 27, 2004, the Committee resumed its study of Family Reunification Issues.

Panel I. Family Reunification

David Matas, Kenneth Zaifman, Thomas R. Denton and Baerbel Langner-Pennell made statements and answered questions.

At 2:49 p.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 2:50 p.m., the sitting resumed.

Panel II. Family Reunification

Joseph Zihahirwa and Jack Duckworth made statements and answered questions.

Mira Thow, John Peters, Hai Tonthat, Leslie Wilder and Faye Rosenberg-Cohen made statements and answered questions.

At 3:36 p.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 3:42 p.m., the sitting resumed.

Panel III. Family Reunification

Professor Vedanand, Ed Wiebe, Elaine Harder, Margaret von Lau and Selamawi Ezuz made statements and answered questions.

At 4:43 p.m., the Committee adjourned until 8:30 a.m. Tuesday, April 5, 2005.

William Farrell
Clerk of the Committee

2005/04/14 3:01 p.m.

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HOUSE OF COMMONS OF CANADA
38th PARLIAMENT, 1st SESSION

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

**STANDING COMMITTEE ON CITIZENSHIP AND
IMMIGRATION**

Chair: Andrew Telegdi, Lib.

Meeting No. 30

Tuesday, April 5, 2005

ORDERS OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on Wednesday, October 27, 2004, the Committee resumed its study on Citizenship Issues.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on Wednesday, October 27, 2004, the Committee resumed its study of Recognition of the International Experience and Credentials of Immigrants.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on Wednesday, October 27, 2004, the Committee resumed its study on Citizenship Issues.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on Wednesday, October 27, 2004, the Committee resumed its study of Recognition of the International Experience and Credentials of Immigrants.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Hon. David A. Anderson,
Roger Clavet,
Rahim Jaffer,
Inky Mark,
Bill Siksay,
Andrew Telegdi
and Lui Temelkovski.

ASSOCIATE MEMBER PRESENT:

Nina Grewal.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:
Benjamin Dolin, Analyst.

WITNESSES:

Ukrainian Canadian Congress - Saskatchewan Provincial Council:
Edward Lysyk, Vice-President;
Tony Harras, Standing Committee on Immigration;
Danylo Puderak, Executive Director.

Saskatchewan Legislative Assembly:
Pat Atkinson, Minister of Immigration, Standing Committee
Immigration, Province of Saskatchewan;
Al Hilton, Associate Deputy Minister, Government Relations;
Giovanna Pirro, Settlement and Integration Officer, Saskatchewan
Immigration Branch.

Saskatchewan Intercultural Association:
Kebrom Haimanot, Member, Board of Directors.

Regina Open Door Society Inc.:
Jack Arends, Transition-to-Work Facilitator, Department of
Political Studies.

William Farrell
Clerk of the Committee



MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 30

Tuesday, April 5, 2005

The Standing Committee on Citizenship and Immigration met at 8:40 a.m. this day, in the Wascana Ballroom, Regina Inn, Regina, Saskatchewan, the Chair, Andrew Telegdi, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Hon. David A. Anderson, Roger Clavet, Rahim Jaffer, Inky Mark, Bill Siksay, Andrew Telegdi and Lui Temelkovski.

Associate Members present: Nina Grewal.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Benjamin Dolin, Analyst.

Witnesses: Ukrainian Canadian Congress - Saskatchewan Provincial Council: Edward Lysyk, Vice-President; Tony Harras, Standing Committee on Immigration; Danylo Puderak, Executive Director.

Saskatchewan Legislative Assembly: Pat Atkinson, Minister of Immigration, Standing Committee Immigration, Province of Saskatchewan; Al Hilton, Associate Deputy Minister, Government Relations; Giovanna Pirro, Settlement and Integration Officer, Saskatchewan Immigration Branch. *Saskatchewan Intercultural Association:* Kebrom Haimanot, Member, Board of Directors. *Regina Open Door Society Inc.:* Jack Arends, Transition-to-Work Facilitator, Department of Political Studies.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on Wednesday, October 27, 2004 the Committee resumed its study on Citizenship Issues.

Edward Lysyk made a statement and, with Tony Harras and Danylo Puderak answered questions.

At 9:12 a.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 9:16 a.m., the sitting resumed.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and motion adopted by the Committee on Wednesday, October 27, 2004, the Committee resumed its study of Recognition of the International Experience and Credentials of Immigrants.

Pat Atkinson, Saskatchewan Minister of Immigration made a statement and, with Giovanna Pino answered questions.

At 10:15 a.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 10:25 a.m., the sitting resumed.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on Wednesday, October 27, 2004 the Committee resumed its study on Citizenship Issues.

Kebrom Haimanot made a statement and answered questions.

At 10:57 a.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 11:05 a.m., the sitting resumed.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and motion adopted by the Committee on Wednesday, October 27, 2004, the Committee resumed its study of Recognition of the International Experience and Credentials of Immigrants.

Kebrom Haimanot and Jack Arends made statements and answered questions.

At 11:58 a.m., the Committee adjourned to later this day.

William Farrell
Clerk of the Committee

2005/04/15 12:21 p.m.

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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS
STANDING COMMITTEE ON CITIZENSHIP AND
IMMIGRATION

Chair: Hon. Andrew Telegdi, Lib.

Meeting No. 31

Tuesday, April 5, 2005

ORDERS OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on Wednesday, October 27, 2004, the Committee resumed its study of Recognition of the International Experience and Credentials of Immigrants.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on Wednesday, October 27, 2004, the Committee resumed its study of Family Reunification Issues.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on Wednesday, October 27, 2004, the Committee resumed its study on Citizenship Issues.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Hon. David A. Anderson,
Roger Clavet,
Rahim Jaffer,
Bill Siksay,
Hon. Andrew Telegdi
and Lui Temelkovski.

ASSOCIATE MEMBER PRESENT:

Nina Grewal.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:

Benjamin Dolin, Analyst.

WITNESSES:

Canadian Medical Forum:

Peter Barrett, Chairman;

Stewart M. Hamilton, President, Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada;

Calvin Gutkin, Executive Director and Chief Executive Officer, College of Family Physicians of Canada;

Dennis Kendel, Registrar, College of Physicians and Surgeons of Saskatchewan;

Jason Kur, Chair, Advisory Committee on IMGs and Vice-President Professional - Canadian Association of Internes and Residents;

Todd Watkins, Director, Office of Professional Services and Coordinator.

Saskatchewan Intercultural Association:

Kebrom Haimanot, Member, Board of Directors.

As an Individual:

Joseph Garcea, Professor, Department of Political Studies, University of Saskatchewan.

City of Regina:

Pat Fiacco, Mayor;

Larry Hiles, Chief Executive Officer, Regina Regional Economic Development Authority.

William Farrell
Clerk of the Committee



MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 31

Tuesday, April 5, 2005

The Standing Committee on Citizenship and Immigration met at 1:04 p.m. this day, in the Wascana Ballroom, Regina Inn, Regina, Saskatchewan, the Chair, Andrew Telegdi, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: David A. Anderson, Roger Clavet, Rahim Jaffer, Bill Siksay, Andrew Telegdi and Lui Temelkovski.

Associate Members present: Nina Grewal.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Benjamin Dolin, Analyst.

Witnesses: Canadian Medical Forum: Peter Barrett, Chairman; Stewart M. Hamilton, President, Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada; Calvin Gutkin, Executive Director and Chief Executive Officer, College of Family Physicians of Canada; Dennis Kendel, Registrar, College of Physicians and Surgeons of Saskatchewan; Jason Kur, Chair, Advisory Committee on IMGs and Vice-President Professional - Canadian Association of Internes and Residents; Todd Watkins, Director, Office of Professional Services and Coordinator. *Saskatchewan Intercultural Association:* Kebrom Haimanot, Member, Board of Directors. *As an Individual:* Joseph Garcea, Professor, Department of Political Studies, University of Saskatchewan. *City of Regina:* Pat Fiacco, Mayor; Larry Hiles, Chief Executive Officer, Regina Regional Economic Development Authority.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and motion adopted by the Committee on Wednesday, October 27, 2004, the Committee resumed its study of Recognition of the International Experience and Credentials of Immigrants.

Peter Barrett made a statement and, with Stewart M. Hamilton, Calvin Gutkin, Dennis Kendel, Jason Kur and Todd Watkins answered questions.

At 1:50 p.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 1:54 p.m., the sitting resumed.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and motion adopted by the Committee on Wednesday, October 27, 2004, the Committee resumed its study of Family Reunification Issues.

Kebrom Haimanot made a statement and answered questions.

At 2:14 p.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 2:19 p.m., the sitting resumed.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on Wednesday, October 27, 2004 the Committee resumed its study on Citizenship Issues.

Joseph Garcea made a statement and answered questions.

Pat Fiacco made a statement and, with Larry Hiles answered questions.

At 3:57 p.m., the Committee adjourned until 8:30 a.m. Wednesday, April 6, 2005.

William Farrell
Clerk of the Committee

2005/04/06 11:24 a.m.

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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS
STANDING COMMITTEE ON CITIZENSHIP AND
IMMIGRATION

Chair: Andrew Telegdi, Lib.

Meeting No. 32

Wednesday, April 6, 2005

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on Wednesday, October 27, 2004, the Committee resumed its study on Citizenship Issues.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on Wednesday, October 27, 2004, the Committee resumed its study of Family Reunification Issues.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Diane Ablonczy,
Hon. David A. Anderson,
Roger Clavet,
Bill Siksay,
Andrew Telegdi
and Lui Temelkovski.

ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

Nina Grewal for Rahim Jaffer.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:
Benjamin Dolin, Analyst.

WITNESSES:

Pakistan Canada Association of Calgary:
Masood Parvez, President.

Ukrainian Canadian Civil Liberties Association Calgary Office:
Borys Sydoruk, Director.

As Individuals:
V. Nallainayagam.

Ukrainian Canadian Congress, Calgary Branch:
Michael Ilnycky, President.

Ethno-Cultural Council of Calgary:
Teresa Woo-Paw, Chair;
Lloyd Wong.

Muslim Council of Calgary:
Abdul W.M. Souraya, Lawyer.

Calgary Catholic Immigration Society:
Rob Bray.

Calgary Immigrant Women's Association:
Diane Pask, Past Member, Board of Directors;
Loretta Melnychuk, Vice-President.

As Individuals:
Geetha Ramesh;
Haiyang Yu.

Canadian Bar Association:
Michael A. Greene, Chair (Alberta Branch), Citizenship and
Immigration Law Section, Sherritt Greene, Canadian Bar
Association;
Gordon H. Maynard, 1Past Chair, National Citizenship and
Immigration Law Section, Maynard Stojicevic.

Ethno-Cultural Council of Calgary:
Teresa Woo-Paw, Chair;
Mohammed Irfan Abbasi;
Ayaan Ismail;
Kuldeep Jagdev.

William Farrell
Clerk of the Committee

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Meeting No. 32

Wednesday, April 6, 2005

The Standing Committee on Citizenship and Immigration met at 8:38 a.m. this day, in the Salon B/C, Delta Bow Valley, Calgary, Alberta, the Chair, Andrew Telegdi, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Diane Ablonczy, David A. Anderson, Roger Clavet, Bill Siksay, Andrew Telegdi and Lui Temelkovski.

Acting Members present: Nina Grewal for Rahim Jaffer.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Benjamin Dolin, Analyst.

Witnesses: Pakistan Canada Association of Calgary: Masood Parvez, President. *Ukrainian Canadian Civil Liberties Association Calgary Office:* Borys Sydoruk, Director. *As Individuals:* V. Nallainayagam. *Ukrainian Canadian Congress, Calgary Branch:* Michael Ilnycky, President. *Ethno-Cultural Council of Calgary:* Teresa Woo-Paw, Chair; Lloyd Wong. *Muslim Council of Calgary:* Abdul W.M. Souraya, Lawyer. *Calgary Catholic Immigration Society:* Rob Bray. *Calgary Immigrant Women's Association:* Diane Pask, Past Member, Board of Directors; Loretta Melnychuk, Director, Vice-President. *As Individuals:* Geetha Ramesh; Haiyang Yu. *Canadian Bar Association:* Michael A. Greene, Chair (Alberta Branch), Citizenship and Immigration Law Section, Sherritt Greene; Gordon H. Maynard, 1Past Chair, National Citizenship and Immigration Law Section, Maynard Stojicevic. *Ethno-Cultural Council of Calgary:* Teresa Woo-Paw, Chair; Mohammed Irfan Abbasi; Ayaan Ismail; Kuldeep Jagdev.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on Wednesday, October 27, 2004 the Committee resumed its study on Citizenship Issues.

Panel I. Citizenship

Massod Parvez and Borys Sydoruk made statements and answered questions.

At 9:29 a.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 9:36 a.m., the sitting resumed.

Panel II. Citizenship

V. Nallainayagam, Michael Ilnycky, Teresa Woo-Paw and Lloyd Wong made statements and answered questions.

At 10:15 a.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 10:26 a.m., the sitting resumed.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and motion adopted by the Committee on Wednesday, October 27, 2004, the Committee resumed its study of Family Reunification Issues.

Panel III. Family Reunification

Abdul W.M. Souraya, Rob Bray and Diane Pask made statements and answered questions.

At 11:14 a.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 11:19 a.m., the sitting resumed.

Panel IV. Family Reunification

Geetha Ramesh, Haiyang Yu, Michael A. Greene, Gordon Maynard and Teresa Woo-Paw made statements and, with Mohammed Irfan Abbasi and Ayaan Ismail answered questions.

At 12:20 p.m., the Committee adjourned to later this day.

William Farrell
Clerk of the Committee

2005/04/08 9:18 a.m.

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**STANDING COMMITTEE ON CITIZENSHIP AND
IMMIGRATION**

Chair: Andrew Telegdi, Lib.

Meeting No. 33

Wednesday, April 6, 2005

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on Wednesday, October 27, 2004, the Committee resumed its study of Recognition of the International Experience and Credentials of Immigrants.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Diane Ablonczy,
Hon. David A. Anderson,
Roger Clavet,
Bill Siksay,
Hon. Andrew Telegdi
and Lui Temelkovski.

ACTING MEMBER PRESENT:

Nina Grewal for Rahim Jaffer.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:
Benjamin Dolin, Analyst.

WITNESSES:

Visible Minority & Labour Relations Board:
Muhammad Rasheed.

Pakistan Canada Association of Calgary:
Masood Parvez, President.

Canadian Council for Human Resources in the Environment Industry:
Sandy High.

Calgary Chamber of Commerce:
Jocelyn Burgener.

Calgary Catholic Immigration Society:
Rob Bray.

City of Calgary:
Joe Ceci, Alderman, Calgary City Council.

Ethno-Cultural Council of Calgary:
V. Nallainayagam;
Ramesh Joshi;
Teresa Woo-Paw, Chair.

As an Individual:
Jude Udedibia, Nigerian-Canadian Association;
Vinay Dey.

William Farrell
Clerk of the Committee



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Meeting No. 33

Wednesday, April 6, 2005

The Standing Committee on Citizenship and Immigration met at 1:55 p.m. this day, in the Salon B/C, Delta Bow Valley, Calgary, Alberta, the Chair, Andrew Telegdi, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Diane Ablonczy, David A. Anderson, Roger Clavet, Bill Siksay, Andrew Telegdi and Lui Temelkovski.

Acting Members present: Nina Grewal for Rahim Jaffer.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Benjamin Dolin, Analyst.

Witnesses: Visible Minority & Labour Relations Board: Muhammad Rasheed. *Pakistan Canada Association of Calgary:* Masood Parvez, President. *Canadian Council for Human Resources in the Environment Industry:* Sandy High. *Calgary Chamber:* Jocelyne Burgener. *Calgary Catholic Immigration Society:* Rob Bray. *As an Individual:* Jude Udebibia. *City of Calgary:* Joe Ceci, Alderman, Calgary City Council. *Ethno-Cultural Council of Calgary:* V. Nallainayagam; Ramesh Joshi; Teresa Woo-Paw, Chair.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and motion adopted by the Committee on Wednesday, October 27, 2004, the Committee resumed its study of Recognition of the International Experience and Credentials of Immigrants.

Panel I. Foreign Credentials

Muhammad Rasheed, Sandy Hith, Jocelyne Burgener and Bob Bray made statements and, with Vinay Dey and Masood Parvez answered questions.

At 3:27 p.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 3:35 p.m., the sitting resumed.

Panel II.

Jude Udebibia, Joe Ceci and V. Nallainayagam made statements and, with Ramesh Joshi, Teresa Woo-Paw and Muhammad Rasheed answered questions.

At 4:54 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

William Farrell
Clerk of the Committee

2005/04/08 9:19 a.m.

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IMMIGRATION

Chair: Andrew Telegdi, Lib.

Meeting No. 34

Thursday, April 7, 2005

ORDERS OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on Wednesday, October 27, 2004, the Committee resumed its study on Citizenship Issues.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on Wednesday, October 27, 2004, the Committee resumed its study of Recognition of the International Experience and Credentials of Immigrants.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on Wednesday, October 27, 2004, the Committee resumed its study of Family Reunification Issues.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Hon. David A. Anderson,
Meili Faille,
Hon. Hedy Fry,
Rahim Jaffer,
Bill Siksay,
Hon. Andrew Telegdi
and Lui Temelkovski.

ACTING MEMBER PRESENT:

Nina Grewal for Diane Ablonczy.

ASSOCIATE MEMBER PRESENT:

Nina Grewal.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:
Benjamin Dolin, Analyst.

WITNESSES:

Canadian Institutes of Health Research:
Miriam Stewart, Scientific Director, Institute of Gender and Health;
Ilana Kogan Gombos, Assistant Director, Institute of Gender and Health.

Academy of Learning:
Audrey Brattberg;
Chris Culshaw.

Fédération des communautés francophones et acadienne du Canada:
Georges Arès, President.

Ukrainian Canadian Social Services:
Bill Diachuk, President.

Catholic Archdiocese of Edmonton:
Paulette Johnson, Coordinator, Refugee Sponsorship.

Alliance Jeunesse-Famille de l'Alberta Society:
Luketa M'pindou, Coordinator.

As Individuals:
Bill Pidruchney;
Chinwe P. Okelu;
William W. Zuzak;
Patricia Foufas;
Ahlam Balazs.

William Farrell
Clerk of the Committee

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Meeting No. 34

Thursday, April 7, 2005

The Standing Committee on Citizenship and Immigration met at 8:34 a.m. this day, in the Salon B/C, Edmonton Chateau Lacombe, Edmonton, Alberta, the Chair, Andrew Telegdi, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Hon. David A. Anderson, Meili Faille, Hon. Hedy Fry, Rahim Jaffer, Bill Siksay, Andrew Telegdi and Lui Temelkovski.

Acting Members present: Nina Grewal for Diane Ablonczy.

Associate Members present: Nina Grewal.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Benjamin Dolin, Analyst.

Witnesses: As Individuals: Bill Pidruchney. *Canadian Institutes of Health Research:* Miriam Stewart, Scientific Director, Institute of Gender and Health; Ilana Kogan Gombos, Assistant Director, Institute of Gender and Health. *Academy of Learning:* Audrey Brattberg; Chris Culshaw. *As Individuals:* Chinwe P. Okelu; William W. Zuzak. *Fédération des communautés francophones et acadienne du Canada:* Georges Arès, President. *Ukrainian Canadian Social Services:* Bill Diachuk, President. *Catholic Archdiocese of Edmonton:* Paulette Johnson, Coordinator, Refugee Sponsorship. *Alliance Jeunesse-Famille de l'Alberta Society:* Luketa M'pindou, Coordinator. *As Individuals:* Patricia Foufas; Ahlam Balazs.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on Wednesday, October 27, 2004 the Committee resumed its study on Citizenship Issues.

Bill Pidruchney made a statement and answered questions.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and motion adopted by the Committee on Wednesday, October 27, 2004, the Committee resumed its study of Recognition of the International Experience and Credentials of Immigrants.

Panel I. Foreign Credentials

Miriam Stewart and Chris Culshaw made statements and answered questions.

At 9:53 a.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 10:12 a.m., the sitting resumed.

Panel II. Citizenship

Chinwe P. Okelu, William W. Zuzak and Georges Arès made statements and answered questions.

At 11:08 a.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 11:16 a.m., the sitting resumed.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on Wednesday, October 27, 2004, the Committee resumed its study of Family Reunification Issues.

Panel III. Family Reunification

Bill Diachuk, Paulette Johnson, Luketa M'pindou, Patricia Foufas and Ahlam Balazs made statements and answered questions.

At 12:15 p.m., the Committee adjourned to later this day.

William Farrell
Clerk of the Committee

2005/04/20 9:07 a.m.

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Chair: Andrew Telegdi. Lib.

Meeting No. 35

Thursday, April 7, 2005

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on Wednesday, October 27, 2004, the Committee resumed its study of Recognition of the International Experience and Credentials of Immigrants.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

David A. Anderson,
Meili Faille,
Hedy Fry,
Rahim Jaffer,
Bill Siksay,
Hon. Andrew Telegdi
and Lui Temelkovski.

ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

Nina Grewal for Diane Ablonczy.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:
Benjamin Dolin, Analyst.

WITNESSES:

Multicultural Health Brokers Co-op:

Tessie Oliva, President, Multicultural Coalition for Equity in Health;
Lucenia Ortiz, Co-Executive Director;
Patrick Iroegbu, Press Relations Officer.

As Individuals:

Al Kaye, Engineer;
Kashif Alavi.

Canada - Communauté francophone en situation minoritaire au Canada:

Luketa M'pindou, Alberta Community Representative.

Alberta Association of Registered Nurses:

Terry Gushuliak, Assistant Registrar, Continuing Competence.

Alberta Association of Immigrant-Serving Agencies:

Christina Nsaliwa, Executive Director.

As Individuals:

Chinwe P. Okelu;
Dianne Nielsen.

Edmonton Mennonite Centre for Newcomers:

Ralph Paufler, Associate Director.

Sikh Federation of Edmonton:

Sital Singh Nanuan, Secretary.

Catholic Social Services:

Alice Colak, Director, Immigration and Settlement Service;
Heather Plaizier.

Bredin Institute - Centre for Learning:

Genai McLeod, Program Liaison Officer, Centre for Foreign Trained Professionals;
Maria Lewin, Coordinator, Centre for Foreign Trained Professionals.

Lucenia Ortiz made a statement and, with Patrick Iroegbu and Tessie Oliva answered questions.

Al Kaye, Kashif Alavi, Luketa M'pindou, Terry Gushuliak and Christina Nsaliwa made statements and answered questions.

Chinwe P. Okelu, Dianne Nielsen, Ralph Paufler, Sital Singh Nanuan, Alice Colak, Heather Plaizier and Genai McLeod made statements and answered questions.

William Farrell
Clerk of the Committee

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Meeting No. 35

Thursday, April 7, 2005

The Standing Committee on Citizenship and Immigration met at 1:23 p.m. this day, in the Salon B/C, Edmonton Chateau Lacombe, Edmonton, Alberta, the Chair, Andrew Telegdi, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: David A. Anderson, Meili Faille, Hedy Fry, Rahim Jaffer, Bill Siksay, Hon. Andrew Telegdi and Lui Temelkovski.

Acting Members present: Nina Grewal for Diane Ablonczy.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Benjamin Dolin, Analyst.

Witnesses: Multicultural Health Brokers Co-op: Tessie Oliva, President, Multicultural Coalition for Equity in Health; Lucenia Ortiz, Co-Executive Director; Patrick Iroegbu, Press Relations Officer. *As Individuals:* Al Kaye, Engineer; Kashif Alavi. *Canada - Communauté francophone en situation minoritaire au Canada:* Luketa M'pindou, Alberta Community Representative. *Alberta Association of Registered Nurses:* Terry Gushuliak, Assistant Registrar, Continuing Competence. *Alberta Association of Immigrant-Serving Agencies:* Christina Nsaliwa, Executive Director. *As Individuals:* Chinwe P. Okelu; Dianne Nielsen. *Edmonton Mennonite Centre for Newcomers:* Ralph Paufler, Associate Director. *Sikh Federation of Edmonton:* Sital Singh Nanuan, Secretary. *Catholic Social Services:* Alice Colak, Director, Immigration and Settlement Service; Heather Plaizier. *Bredin Institute - Centre for Learning:* Genai McLeod, Program Liaison Officer, Centre for Foreign Trained Professionals; Maria Lewin, Coordinator, Centre for Foreign Trained Professionals.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on Wednesday, October 27, 2004, the Committee resumed its study of Recognition of the International Experience and Credentials of Immigrants.

Panel I. Foreign Credentials

Lucenia Ortiz made a statement and, with Patrick Iroegbu and Tessie Oliva answered questions.

At 2:01 p.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 2:07 p.m., the sitting resumed.

Panel II.

Al Kaye, Kashif Alavi, Luketa M'pindou, Terry Gushuliak and Christina Nsaliwa made statements and answered questions.

At 3:15 p.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 3:25 p.m., the sitting resumed.

Panel III.

Chinwe P. Okelu, Dianne Nielsen, Ralph Paufler, Sital Singh Nanuan, Alice Colak, Heather Plaizier and Genai McLeod made statements and answered questions.

At 4:41 p.m., the Committee adjourned until 9 a.m. Friday April 8, 2005.

William Farrell
Clerk of the Committee

2005/04/20 9:05 a.m.

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IMMIGRATION

Chair: Andrew Telegdi. Lib.

Meeting No. 36

Friday, April 8, 2005

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on Wednesday, October 27, 2004, the Committee resumed its study on Citizenship Issues.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Diane Ablonczy,
Hon. David A. Anderson,
Colleen Beaumier,
Meili Faille,
Hon. Hedy Fry,
Inky Mark,
Bill Siksay,
Andrew Telegdi
and Lui Temelkovski.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:
Benjamin Dolin, Analyst.

WITNESSES:

Inter-Cultural Association of Greater Victoria:
Mavis DeGirolamo, President.

As an Individual:
Eswyn Lyster.

Qualicum First Nation:
Kim Recalma-Clutesi, Chief Councillor;
Bill White.

Andrew Teledgdi, Diane Ablonczy, Bill Siksay and the Honourable Hedy Fry made statements on the Pope's life.

Kim Recalma-Clutesi made a statement and, with Bill White answered questions.

William Farrell
Clerk of the Committee

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Sitting No. 36

Monday, April 8, 2005

The Standing Committee on Citizenship and Immigration met at 9:15 a.m. this day, in the Saanich, Victoria Conference Centre, Victoria, British Columbia, the Chair, Andrew Telegdi, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Diane Ablonczy, Hon. David A. Anderson, Colleen Beaumier, Meili Faille, Hon. Hedy Fry, Inky Mark, Bill Siksay, Andrew Telegdi and Lui Temelkovski.

Attendance: Library of Parliament: Benjamin Dolin, Analyst.

Guests: *Inter-Cultural Association of Greater Victoria:* Mavis DeGirolamo, President. *As an Individual:* Eswyn Dymally. *Qualicum First Nation:* Kim Recalma-Clutesi, Chief Councillor; Bill White.

The Committee observed a minute of silence in honour of the late Pope John Paul II.

Andrew Telegdi, Diane Ablonczy, Bill Siksay and the Honourable Hedy Fry made statements on the Pope's life.

Lui Temelkovski moved, — That the Committee on Citizenship and Immigration travel to Halifax on April 26, 2005, if the Committee is unable to travel to Halifax on April 19, 2005, and that the Committee travel to Quebec City on April 27, 2005, in relation to its current studies.

There was no debate thereon.

After debate, the question was put on the motion and it was agreed to.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on Wednesday, October 27, 2004 the Committee resumed its study on Citizenship Issues.

De Girolamo made a statement and answered questions.

At 10:45 a.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 11:52 a.m., the sitting resumed.

Lyster made a statement and answered questions.

At 12:30 a.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 1:35 a.m., the sitting resumed.

Recalma-Clutesi made a statement and, with Bill White answered questions.

At 2:19 p.m., the Committee adjourned to later this day.

William Farrell

Clerk of the Committee

2005/04/20 9:02 a.m.

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**STANDING COMMITTEE ON CITIZENSHIP AND
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Chair: Andrew Telegdi, Lib.

Meeting No. 37

Friday, April 8, 2005

ORDERS OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on Wednesday, October 27, 2004, the Committee resumed its study on Citizenship Issues.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on Wednesday, October 27, 2004, the Committee resumed its study of Recognition of the International Experience and Credentials of Immigrants.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on Wednesday, October 27, 2004, the Committee resumed its study on Citizenship Issues.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on Wednesday, October 27, 2004, the Committee resumed its study of Family Reunification Issues.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Diane Ablonczy,
Hon. David A. Anderson,
Colleen Beaumier,
Meili Faille,
Hon. Hedy Fry,
Inky Mark,
Bill Siksay,
Hon. Andrew Telegdi
and Lui Temelkovski.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:

Benjamin Dolin, Analyst.

WITNESSES:

Camosun College:

Brenda Storr, Associate Dean.

Victoria Immigrant and Refugee Centre Society Staff:

Roy Leaman.

Victoria Immigrant and Refugee Centre Society Staff:

Marianne van der Meij, Coordinator, Aaron Gordon Settlement Centre.

As Individuals:

Donald Galloway;

Joe Taylor.

William Farrell
Clerk of the Committee

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 37

Friday, April 8, 2005

The Standing Committee on Citizenship and Immigration met at 1:04 p.m. this day, in the Saanich, Victoria Conference Centre, Victoria, British Columbia, the Chair, Andrew Telegdi, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Diane Ablonczy, Hon. David A. Anderson, Colleen Beaumier, Meili Faille, Hon. Hedy Fry, Inky Mark, Bill Siksai, Andrew Telegdi and Lui Temelkovski.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Benjamin Dolin, Analyst.

Witnesses: As Individuals: Joe Taylor. *Camosun College:* Brenda Storr, Associate Dean. *Victoria Immigrant and Refugee Centre Society Staff:* Roy Leaman. *As Individuals:* Donald Galloway. *Victoria Immigrant and Refugee Centre Society Staff:* Marianne van der Meij, Coordinator, Aaron Gordon Settlement Centre.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on Wednesday, October 27, 2004, the Committee resumed its study on Citizenship Issues.

Joe Taylor made a statement and answered questions.

At 1:38 p.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 1:42 p.m., the sitting resumed.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and motion adopted by the Committee on Wednesday, October 27, 2004, the Committee resumed its study of Recognition of the International Experience and Credentials of Immigrants.

Brenda Storr and Roy Leaman made statements and answered questions.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on Wednesday, October 27, 2004 the Committee resumed its study on Citizenship Issues.

Donald Galloway made a statement and answered questions.

At 2:21 p.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 2:29 p.m., the sitting resumed.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on Wednesday, October 27, 2004, the Committee resumed its study of Family Reunification Issues.

Marianne van der Meij made a statement and answered questions.

At 3:29 p.m., the Committee adjourned until Saturday, April 9, 2005.

William Farrell
Clerk of the Committee

2005/04/20 8:57 a.m.

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Chair: Andrew Telegdi. Lib.

Meeting No. 38

Saturday, April 9, 2005

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on Wednesday, October 27, 2004, the Committee resumed its study of Family Reunification Issues.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Diane Ablonczy,
Hon. David A. Anderson,
Colleen Beaumier,
Inky Mark,
Bill Siksay,
Hon. Andrew Telegdi
and Lui Temelkovski.

ASSOCIATE MEMBERS PRESENT:

Nina Grewal.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:
Benjamin Dolin, Analyst.

WITNESSES:

Lawrence Wong & Associates:
Lawrence Wong, President.

West Coast Legal Education and Action Fund:
Alison Brewin, Program Director, Women's Legal Education and
Action Fund;
Tami Friesen, Director.

India Welfare Association of Canada:
Gian Dhesi, Director and Senior Vice-President.

MOSAIC:
Eyob Naizghi, Executive Director;
June Francis.

Separated Children Intervention and Orientation Network:
Deborah Isaacs, Project Coordinator, Sisters of Our Lady of
Charity of the God Shepherd.

Lexbase:
Richard Kurland, Editor-in-Chief.

Centre of Integration for African Immigrants:
Paul Mulangu.

National Alliance of Philippine Women in Canada:
Cecilia Diocson, National Chairperson.

William Farrell
Clerk of the Committee

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Meeting No. 38

Saturday, April 9, 2005

The Standing Committee on Citizenship and Immigration met at 10:10 a.m. this day, in the Pinnacle Ballroom 3, Marriott Vancouver Pinnacle, Vancouver, British Columbia, the Chair, Andrew Telegdi, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Diane Ablonczy, Hon. David A. Anderson, Colleen Beaumier, Inky Mark, Bill Siksay, Hon. Andrew Telegdi and Lui Temelkovski.

Associate Members present: Nina Grewal.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Benjamin Dolin, Analyst.

Witnesses: Lawrence Wong & Associates: Lawrence Wong, President. *West Coast Legal Education and Action Fund:* Alison Brewin, Program Director, Women's Legal Education and Action Fund; Tami Friesen, Director. *India Welfare Association of Canada:* Gian Dhesi, Director and Senior Vice-President. *MOSAIC:* Eyob Naizghi, Executive Director; June Francis. *Separated Children Intervention and Orientation Network:* Deborah Isaacs, Project Coordinator, Sisters of Our Lady of Charity of the Good Shepherd. *Lexbase:* Richard Kurland, Editor-in-Chief. *Centre of Integration for African Immigrants:* Paul Mulangu. *National Alliance of Philippine Women in Canada:* Cecilia Diocson, National Chairperson.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and motion adopted by the Committee on Wednesday, October 27, 2004, the Committee resumed its study of Family Reunification Issues.

Panel I.

Lawrence Wong, Tami Friesen, Gian Dhesi and June Francis made statements and, with Alison Brewin and Eyob Naizghi answered questions.

At 11:17 a.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 11:25 a.m., the sitting resumed.

Panel II.

Deborah Isaacs, Richard Kurland, Paul Mulangu and Cecilia Diocson made statements and answered questions.

At 12:36 p.m., the Committee adjourned to later this day.

William Farrell
Clerk of the Committee

2005/04/18 11:48 a.m.

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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS
STANDING COMMITTEE ON CITIZENSHIP AND
IMMIGRATION

Chair: Andrew Telegdi, Lib.

Meeting No. 39

Saturday, April 9, 2005

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on Wednesday, October 27, 2004, the Committee resumed its study on Citizenship Issues.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Diane Ablonczy,
Colleen Beaumier,
Hon. Hedy Fry,
Inky Mark,
Bill Siksay,
Hon. Andrew Telegdi
and Lui Temelkovski.

WITNESSES:

As Individuals:

Bobby Brown;
Jocelyn Boyce;
Mary Lou Fraser;
Ron Nixon;
Norm Chapman;
Don Chapman.

William Farrell
Clerk of the Committee

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Meeting No. 39

Saturday, April 9, 2005

The Standing Committee on Citizenship and Immigration met at 1:05 p.m. this day, in the Pinnacle Ballroom 3, Marriott Vancouver Pinnacle, Vancouver, British Columbia, the Chair, Andrew Telegdi, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Diane Ablonczy, Colleen Beaumier, Hon. Hedy Fry, Inky Mark, Bill Siksay, Hon. Andrew Telegdi and Lui Temelkovski.

Witnesses: As Individuals: Bobby Brown; Jocelyn Boyce; Mary Lou Fraser; Ron Nixon; Norm Chapman; Don Chapman.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on Wednesday, October 27, 2004 the Committee resumed its study on Citizenship Issues.

Bobby Brown, Jocelyn Boyce, Mary Lou Fraser, Ron Nixon, Norm Chapman and Don Chapman made statements and answered questions.

At 2:14 p.m., the Committee adjourned until 8:30 a.m. Monday, April 11, 2005.

William Farrell
Clerk of the Committee

2005/04/18 11:48 a.m.

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Chair: Hon. Andrew Telegdi, Lib..

Meeting No. 40

Monday, April 11, 2005

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on Wednesday, October 27, 2004, the Committee resumed its study on Citizenship Issues.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Diane Ablonczy,
Colleen Beaumier,
Meili Faille,
Inky Mark,
Bill Siksay,
and Lui Temelkovski.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:
Benjamin Dolin, Analyst.

WITNESSES:

Sponsor your Parents:
Evelyn Zhang, Greater Vancouver Branch;
Irina Portnova, Vancouver Branch;
Peter Li, Greater Vancouver Branch.

Vancouver Status of Women:

Junie Desil, Volunteer / Resource Coordinator.

Ukrainian Canadian Congress, B.C. Provincial Council:

Myroslav Petriw, Past president.

University Colleges of British Columbia Consortium:

Robert E. Buchan, Executive Director;

Barb Smith, Manager, International Education - Kwantlen University College.

As Individuals:

Sheila Walshe.

Grassroots Women:

Rachel Rosen, Coordinator.

Committee for Racial Justice:

Aziz Khaki, President.

Fédération des francophones de la Colombie-Britannique:

Yseult Friolet, Executive Director;

Michèle Rakotonaivo.

As Individuals:

Kate Manvell, Mediator & Immigration Practitioner, Member of Canadian Society of Immigration Consultants.

Success:

Lilian To, Chief Executive Officer;

Ansar Cheung, Program Director, Public Education and Settlement.

National Congress of Chinese Canadians:

David Choi.

Hungarian Cultural Society of Greater Vancouver:

Andrew Jakoy, Vice-President;

Les Szanyi, President.

Peter Li, Junie Desil, Myroslav Petriw and Robert E. Buchan made statements and, with Irina Portnova, Evelyn Zhang and Barb Smith answered questions.

Sheila Walshe, Rachel Rosen, Aziz Khaki and Michèle Rakotonaivo made statements and, with Yseult Friolet answered questions.

Kate Manvell, Lilian To, Ansar Cheung, David Choi and Andrew Jakoy made statements and, with Les Szanyi witnesses answered questions.

William Farrell
Clerk of the Committee

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Meeting No. 40

Monday, April 11, 2005

The Standing Committee on Citizenship and Immigration met at 8:30 a.m. this day, in the Pinnacle Ballroom 3, Marriott Vancouver Pinnacle, Vancouver, British Columbia, the Chair, Andrew Telegdi, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Diane Ablonczy, Colleen Beaumier, Meili Faille, Inky Mark, Bill Siksay, Hon. Andrew Telegdi and Lui Temelkovski.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Benjamin Dolin, Analyst.

Witnesses: Sponsor your Parents: Evelyn Zhang, Great Vancouver Branch; Irina Portnova, Vancouver Branch; Peter Li. *Vancouver Status of Women:* Junie Desil, Volunteer / Resource Coordinator. *Ukrainian Canadian Congress, B.C. Provincial Council:* Myroslav Petriw, Past president. *University Colleges of British Columbia Consortium:* Robert E. Buchan, Executive Director; Barb Smith, Manager, International Education - Kwantlen University College. *As Individuals:* Sheila Walshe. *Grassroots Women:* Rachel Rosen, Coordinator. *Committee for Racial Justice:* Aziz Khaki, President. *Fédération des francophones de la Colombie-Britannique:* Yseult Friolet, Executive Director; Michèle Rakotonaivo. *As Individuals:* Kate Manvell, Mediator & Immigration Practitioner, Member of Canadian Society of Immigration Consultants. *Success:* Lilian To, Chief Executive Officer; Ansar Cheung, Program Director, Public Education and Settlement. *National Congress of Chinese Canadians:* David Choi. *Hungarian Cultural Society of Greater Vancouver:* Andrew Jakoy, Vice-President; Les Szanyi, President.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on Wednesday, October 27, 2004 the Committee resumed its study on Citizenship Issues.

Panel I.

Peter Li, Junie Desil, Myroslav Petriw and Robert E. Buchan made statements and, with Irina Portnova, Evelyn Zhang and Barb Smith answered questions.

At 9:47 a.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 10:00 a.m., the sitting resumed.

Panel II.

Sheila Walshe, Rachel Rosen, Aziz Khaki and Michèle Rakotonaivo made statements and, with Yseult Friolet answered questions.

At 11:11 a.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 11:25 a.m., the sitting resumed.

Panel III.

Kate Manvell, Lilian To, Ansar Cheung, David Choi and Andrew Jakoy made statements and, with Les Szanyi witnesses answered questions.

At 12:33 p.m., the Committee adjourned to later this day.

William Farrell
Clerk of the Committee

2005/04/18 11:48 a.m.

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STANDING COMMITTEE ON CITIZENSHIP AND
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Chair: Andrew Telegdi. Lib.

Meeting No. 41

Monday, April 11, 2005

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on Wednesday, October 27, 2004, the Committee resumed its study of Recognition of the International Experience and Credentials of Immigrants.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Colleen Beaumier,
Meili Faille,
Hon. Hedy Fry,
Inky Mark,
Bill Siksay,
Hon. Andrew Telegdi
and Lui Temelkovski.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:
Benjamin Dolin, Analyst.

WITNESSES:

Society for Canadian Women in Science and Technology:
Shauna Paull, Immigrating Women in Science Project.

Lexbase:

Richard Kurland, Editor-in-Chief.

City of Vancouver's Special Advisory Committee on Diversity Issues:

Balwin Wong, Social Planner;
Holly Turner;
Olga Scherbina, Advisor.

Filipino Nurses Support Group:

Sheila Farrales, Member;
Leah Diana, Member/Organizer.

Canadian Immigrant Magazine:

Naeem (Nick) Noorani, President and CEO.

Success:

Lilian To, Chief Executive Officer;
Thomas Yeung, Principal, Training Institute.

Holly Turner, Sheila Farrales and Naeem Noorani made statements and, with Balwin Wong, Olga Scherbina and Leah Diana answered questions.

Lilian To made a statement and, with Thomas Yeung answered questions.

William Farrell
Clerk of the Committee

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Meeting No. 41

Monday, April 11, 2005

The Standing Committee on Citizenship and Immigration met at 1:36 p.m. this day, in the Pinnacle Ballroom 3, Marriott Vancouver Pinnacle, Vancouver, British Columbia, the Chair, Andrew Telegdi, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Colleen Beaumier, Meili Faille, Hon. Hedy Fry, Inky Mark, Bill Siksay, Hon. Andrew Telegdi and Lui Temelkovski.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Benjamin Dolin, Analyst.

Witnesses: Society for Canadian Women in Science and Technology: Shauna Paull, Immigrating Women in Science Project. *Lexbase:* Richard Kurland, Editor-in-Chief. *City of Vancouver's Special Advisory Committee on Diversity Issues:* Balwin Wong, Social Planner; Holly Turner; Olga Scherbina, Advisor. *Filipino Nurses Support Group:* Sheila Farrales, Member; Leah Diana, Member/Organizer. *Canadian Immigrant Magazine:* Naeem (Nick) Noorani, President and CEO. *Success:* Lilian To, Chief Executive Officer; Thomas Yeung, Principal, Training Institute.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and motion adopted by the Committee on Wednesday, October 27, 2004, the Committee resumed its study of Recognition of the International Experience and Credentials of Immigrants.

Panel I.

Shauna Paull made a statement and answered questions.

Richard Kurland made a statement and answered questions.

At 2:35 p.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 2:37 p.m., the sitting resumed.

Panel II.

Holly Turner, Sheila Farrales and Naeem Noorani made statements and, with Balwin Wong, Olga Scherbina and Leah Diana answered questions.

At 3:32 p.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 3:34 p.m., the sitting resumed.

Panel III.

Lilian To made a statement and, with Thomas Yeung answered questions.

At 4:06 p.m., the Committee adjourned until 8:30 a.m. Tuesday, April 12, 2005.

William Farrell
Clerk of the Committee

2005/04/18 11:49 a.m.

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Chair: Andrew Telegdi, Lib.

Meeting No. 42

Wednesday, April 13, 2005

ORDERS OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on Wednesday, October 27, 2004, the Committee resumed its study of Recognition of the International Experience and Credentials of Immigrants.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on Wednesday, October 27, 2004, the Committee resumed its study on Citizenship Issues.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Colleen Beaumier,
Inky Mark,
Hon. Andrew Telegdi
and Lui Temelkovski.

ASSOCIATE MEMBER PRESENT:

Nina Grewal.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:
Benjamin Dolin, Analyst.
House of Commons:
Jean-Philippe Brochu, Committee Clerk.

WITNESSES:

Ontario Legislative Assembly:

Mary Anne V. Chambers, Minister, Training, Colleges and Universities.

Ontario Ministry of Training, Colleges and Universities:

Patti Redmond, Director, Skills Investment Branch, Labour Market and Training Division.

Ukrainian Canadian Congress:

John William Pidkowich, Government Liaison, Toronto Branch.

Canadian Civil Liberties Association:

Motek W. Sherman, Student-at-law;
Alexi Nicole Wood, Policy Analyst.

COSTI Immigrant Services:

Josie Di Zio, Senior Director, Planning and Development.

Canadian Centre for Victims of Torture:

Ezat Mossallanejad, Settlement Counsellor.

Canadian Association of Professional Immigration Consultants:

Keith Frank, Vice-President;
Berto Volpentesta.

African Canadian Legal Clinic:

Marie Chen, Acting Director, Legal Services;
Nkiru Agbakwa, Policy Researcher.

Chinese Canadian National Council:

Apollo Chung, National Executive;
Christine Li, National Executive.

As Individuals:

Oksana Miroutenko, Member, Ukrainian Canadian Social Services
and the Ukrainian Canadian Congress;
Charles William Esser;
Louis R. Béliveau.

Mary Anne V. Chambers made a statement and, with Patti Redmond answered questions.

Oksana Miroutenko, John William Pidkowich, Alexi Nicole Wood, Charles William Esser and Josie Di Zio made statements and, with Motek W. Sherman answered questions.

Louis R. Béliveau, Ezat Mossallanejad, Keith Frank, Marie Chen and Christine Li made statements and, with Berto Volpentesta and Nkiru Agbakwa, answered questions.

William Farrell
Clerk of the Committee

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Meeting No. 42

Wednesday, April 13, 2005

The Standing Committee on Citizenship and Immigration met at 9:05 a.m. this day, in the Muskoka 1 - 2, Renaissance Toronto Airport Hotel, Toronto, Ontario, the Chair, Andrew Telegdi, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Colleen Beaumier, Inky Mark, Hon. Andrew Telegdi and Lui Temelkovski.

Associate Members present: Nina Grewal.

Attendance: *Library of Parliament:* Benjamin Dolin, Analyst. *House of Commons:* Jean-Philippe Brochu, Committee Clerk.

Guests: *Ontario Legislative Assembly:* Mary Anne V. Chambers, Minister, Training, Colleges and Universities; Patti Redmond, Director, Skills Investment Branch. *As Individuals:* Oksana Miroutenko, Member, Ukrainian Canadian Social Services and the Ukrainian Canadian Congress; Charles William Esser. *Ukrainian Canadian Congress:* John William Pidkowich, Government Liaison, Toronto Branch. *Canadian Civil Liberties Association:* Motek W. Sherman, Student-at-law; Alexi Nicole Wood, Policy Analyst. *COSTI Immigrant Services:* Josie Di Zio, Senior Director, Planning and Development. *As Individuals:* Louis R. Béliveau. *Canadian Centre for Victims of Torture:* Ezat Mossallanejad, Settlement Counsellor. *Canadian Association of Professional Immigration Consultants:* Keith Frank, Vice-President; Berto Volpentesta. *African Canadian Legal Clinic:* Marie Chen, Acting Director, Legal Services; Nkiru Agbakwa, Policy Researcher. *Chinese Canadian National Council:* Apollo Chung, National Executive; Christine Li, National Executive.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and motion adopted by the Committee on Wednesday, October 27, 2004, the Committee resumed its study of Recognition of the International Experience and Credentials of Immigrants.

Mary Anne V. Chambers made a statement and, with Patti Redmond answered questions.

At 10:00 a.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 10:05 a.m., the sitting resumed.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on Wednesday, October 27, 2004, the Committee resumed its study on Citizenship Issues.

Item I. Citizenship

Oksana Miroutenko, John William Pidkowich, Alexi Nicole Wood, Charles William Esser and Josie Di Zio made statements and, with Motek W. Sherman answered questions.

At 10:32 a.m., Lui Temelkovski took the Chair.

At 11:20 a.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 11:30 a.m., the sitting resumed.

Item II.

Louis R. Béliveau, Ezat Mossallanejad, Keith Frank, Marie Chen and Christine Li made statements and, with Berto Volpentesta and Nkiru Agbakwa, answered questions.

At 1:00 p.m., the Committee adjourned to this afternoon.

William Farrell
Clerk of the Committee

2005/04/20 9:30 a.m.

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Chair: Andrew Telegdi, Lib.

Meeting No. 43

Wednesday, April 13, 2005

ORDERS OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on Wednesday, October 27, 2004, the Committee resumed its study on Citizenship Issues.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on Wednesday, October 27, 2004, the Committee resumed its study of Family Reunification Issues.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on Wednesday, October 27, 2004, the Committee resumed its study on Citizenship Issues.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Colleen Beaumier,
Inky Mark,
Hon. Andrew Telegdi
and Lui Temelkovski.

ASSOCIATE MEMBER PRESENT:

Nina Grewal.

IN ATTENDANCE:

House of Commons:
Jean-Philippe Brochu, Committee Clerk.

Library of Parliament:
Benjamin Dolin, Analyst.

WITNESSES:

As an Individual:
Olya Odynsky.

Ukrainian Canadian Congress:
Alexandra Chyczij.

Undocumented Worker's Committee:
Tony Letra, Chair;
Manuel Alexander;
Theresa Rodrigues, Member.

Canadian Ukrainian Immigrant Aid Society:
Eugen Duvalko, Board Member.

Community Alliance for Social Justice:
Joy Sioson.

Canadian Ecumenical Justice Initiatives (Kairos):
Tanya Chute Molina, Coordinator, Refugee and Migration
Program;
Connie Sorio;
Jan Drews.

Ukrainian Canadian Professional and Business Association of Toronto:
Ron Chyczij.

Human Rights Action Committee:
Shan Padda, Lawyer;
Sanjiv Dhewan, President.

Ethno Racial People with Disabilities Coalition of Ontario:
Rafia Haniff-Cleofas, Co-Chair;
Ayshia Musleh, Board of Directors.

Access Alliance Multicultural Community Health Center:
Farah Mawani, Member, Board of Directors;
Axelle Janczur, Executive Director.

Canadian Association of Professional Immigration Consultants:
Max Chaudhary;
Camilla Jones.

Chinese Canadian National Council:

Cynthia Pay, Member, National Executive.

Citizens for Public Justice:

Chris Pullenayegem, Refugee Policy Analyst;

Greg deGroot-Maggetti, Socio-Economic Concerns Coordinator.

DELEGATION:

Norwegian Parliamentary Committee on Local Government:

Per Sandberg, Deputy Chairman;

Hans Kristian Hogsnes, The Conservative Party;

Torbjorn Andersen, Second Deputy Chairman, The Progress Party;

Sigvald Oppeboen Hansen, The Labour Party;

Peter Skovholt Gitmark, The Conservative Party;

Kari Lise Holmberg, The Conservative Party;

Heikki Holmas, The Socialist Left Party;

Reidar Sandal, The Labour Party;

Anita Apelthun Saele, The Christian Democratic Party;

Ivar Ostberg, The Labour Party;

Signe Oye, The Labour Party;

Ingrid Sand, Committee Secretary;

Barbro Bakken, Director General, Norwegian Ministry of Local Government and Regional Development;

Ingvard Havnen, Ambassador, Ottawa and Toronto;

Jannicke Jaeger, Minister Counsellor, Ottawa, Toronto and Montreal.

Olya Odyński, Alexandra Chyczij and Tony Letra made statements and, with Manuel Alexander and Theresa Rodrigues, answered questions.

Eugen Duvalco, Joy Sioson, Tanya Chute Molina, Ron Chyczij, Shan Padda and Rafia Haniff-Cleofas made statements and, with Sanjiv Dhewan and Connie Sorio, answered questions.

Max Chaudhary, Chris Pullenayegem, Greg deGroot-Maggetti, Cynthia Pay, Farah Mawani and Axelle Janczur made statements and, with Camilla Jones, answered questions.

William Farrell
Clerk of the Committee

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Meeting No. 43

Wednesday, April 13, 2005

The Standing Committee on Citizenship and Immigration met at 1:57 p.m. this day, in the Muskoka 1 - 2, Renaissance Toronto Airport Hotel, Toronto, Ontario, the Chair, Andrew Telegdi, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Colleen Beaumier, Inky Mark, Hon. Andrew Telegdi and Lui Temelkovski.

Associate Members present: Nina Grewal.

In attendance: House of Commons: Jean-Philippe Brochu, Committee Clerk. *Library of Parliament:* Benjamin Dolin, Analyst.

Witnesses: As an Individual: Olya Odynsky. *Ukrainian Canadian Congress:* Alexandra Chyczij. *Undocumented Worker's Committee:* Tony Letra, Chair; Manuel Alexander; Theresa Rodrigues, Member. *Canadian Ukrainian Immigrant Aid Society:* Eugen Duvalko, Board Member. *Community Alliance for Social Justice:* Joy Sioson. *Canadian Ecumenical Justice Initiatives (Kairos):* Tanya Chute Molina, Coordinator, Refugee and Migration Program; Connie Sorio; Jan Drews. *Ukrainian Canadian Professional and Business Association of Toronto:* Ron Chyczij. *Human Rights Action Committee:* Shan Padda, Lawyer; Sanjiv Dhewan, President. *Ethno Racial People with Disabilities Coalition of Ontario:* Rafia Haniff-Cleofas, Co-Chair; Ayshia Musleh, Board of Directors. *Access Alliance Multicultural Community Health Center:* Farah Mawani, Member, Board of Directors; Axelle Janczur, Executive Director. *Canadian Association of Professional Immigration Consultants:* Max Chaudhary; Camilla Jones. *Chinese Canadian National Council:* Cynthia Pay, Member, National Executive. *Citizens for Public Justice:* Chris Pullenayegem, Refugee Policy Analyst; Greg deGroot-Maggetti, Socio-Economic Concerns Coordinator.

Delegation: Norwegian Parliamentary Committee on Local Government: Per Sandberg, Deputy Chairman; Hans Kristian Hogsnes, The Conservative Party; Torbjorn Andersen, Second Deputy Chairman, The Progress Party; Sigvald Oppeboen Hansen, The Labour Party; Peter Skovholt Gitmark, The Conservative Party; Kari Lise Holmberg, The Conservative Party; Heikki Holmas, The Socialist Left Party; Reidar Sandal, The Labour Party; Anita Apelthun Saele, The Christian Democratic Party; Ivar Ostberg, The Labour Party; Signe Oye, The Labour Party; Ingrid Sand, Committee Secretary; Barbro Bakken, Director General, Norwegian Ministry of Local Government and Regional Development; Ingvar Havnen, Ambassador, Ottawa and Toronto; Jannicke Jaeger, Minister Counsellor, Ottawa, Toronto and Montreal.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on Wednesday, October 27, 2004, the Committee resumed its study on Citizenship Issues.

Panel I. Citizenship

Olya Odynski, Alexandra Chyczij and Tony Letra made statements and, with Manuel Alexander and Theresa Rodrigues, answered questions.

At 3:11 p.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 3:35 p.m., the sitting resumed.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on Wednesday, October 27, 2004, the Committee resumed its study of Family Reunification Issues.

Panel II. Family Reunification

Eugen Duvalko, Joy Sioson, Tanya Chute Molina, Ron Chyczij, Shan Padda and Rafia Haniff-Cleofas made statements and, with Sanjiv Dhewan and Connie Sorio, answered questions.

At 4:55 p.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 5:06 p.m., the sitting resumed.

Panel III. Family Reunification

Max Chaudhary, Chris Pullenayegem, Greg deGroot-Maggetti, Cynthia Pay, Farah Mawani and Axelle Janczur made statements and, with Camilla Jones, answered questions.

At 5:15 p.m. Lui Temelkovski took the Chair.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on Wednesday, October 27, 2004 the Committee resumed its study on Citizenship Issues.

Delegation. Citizenship

Andrew Telgdi, Chair of Standing Committee on Citizenship and Immigration of the House of Commons and Per Sandberg, Deputy Chair of the Norwegian Parliamentary Committee on Local Government made statements.

The members exchanged views.

At 6:27 p.m., the Committee adjourned until 8:00 a.m. Thursday, April 14, 2005.

William Farrell
Clerk of the Committee

2005/04/20 9:27 a.m.

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Chair: Andrew Telegdi, Lib.

Meeting No. 44

Thursday, April 14, 2005

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on Wednesday, October 27, 2004, the Committee resumed its study of Family Reunification Issues.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on Wednesday, October 27, 2004, the Committee resumed its study of Recognition of the International Experience and Credentials of Immigrants.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Colleen Beaumier,
Roger Clavet,
Inky Mark,
Bill Siksay,
Hon. Andrew Telegdi
and Lui Temelkovski.

ASSOCIATE MEMBERS PRESENT:

Nina Grewal.

IN ATTENDANCE:

House of Commons:
Jean-Philippe Brochu, Committee Clerk.

Library of Parliament:
Benjamin Dolin, Analyst.

WITNESSES:

Inter-Clinic Immigration Working Group:
Caroline Lindberg, Co-ordinating Chair;
Lisa Wyndels, Member;
Euginia Cappellaro Zavaleta, Member;
Lee Tenenhouse, Member.

Immigrant and Refugee Family Re-Unification Support Group:
Maria Antelo, Co-Chair;
Lilyam Trujillo, Member, L.R. Family Reunification Support Group.

Ontario Council of Agencies Serving Immigrants:
Debbie Douglas, Executive Director;
Loly Rico, Vice-President.

Metro Toronto Chinese and Southeast Asian Legal Clinic:
Avvy Yao-Yao Go, Director.

Parkdale Community Legal Services:
Geraldine Sadoway, Staff Lawyer, Immigration and Refugee Group.

Sponsor your Parents:
Robert M. Hakim, Spokesperson;
Vitalina Gorbatyuk, Board Member;
Angelina Litvinova, Secretary;
Tatiana Nehotina, Member;
Regina Shamrakov, Member;
Satish Saini, Interim Chair.

Canadian Society for Medical Laboratory Science:
Kurt H. Davis, Executive Director;
Alison McLennan, Director, Communications.

Canadian Employee Relocation Council:
Stephen Cryne, Executive Vice-President;
Sergio Karas, Committee Member, Government Relations Committee.

Alliance of Portuguese Clubs and Associations of Ontario:
Rui Pires, Member, Board of Directors.

Association of Colleges of Applied Arts Technology of Ontario:

Michael Cooke, Vice-President, Academic Excellence and Student Success, George Brown College.

As Individuals:

Tao Lu;
Kalen Liang;
Macdonald Scott, Immigration Consultant;
Peter Tedoldi;
Carmencita R. Hernandez.

Tao Lu, Kalen Liang, Caroline Lindberg, Lisa Wyndels, Macdonald Scott, Maria Antelo, Lilyam Trujillo, Debbie Douglas and Loly Rico made statements and, with Eugenia Cappellaro Zavaleta and Lee Tenenhouse, answered questions.

Avvy Yao-Yao Go, Geraldine Sadoway, Robert M. Hakim and Peter Tedoldi made statements and, with Tatiana Nehotina and Regina Shamrakov, answered questions.

Kurt H. Davis, Carmencita R. Hernandez, Stephen Cryne, Sergio Karas, Rui Pires and Michael Cooke made statements and, with Alison McLennan, answered questions.

William Farrell
Clerk of the Committee

 Close

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Meeting No. 44

Thursday, April 14, 2005

The Standing Committee on Citizenship and Immigration met at 8:00 a.m. this day, in the Muskoka 1 - 2, Renaissance Toronto Airport Hotel, Toronto, Ontario, the Chair, Andrew Telegdi, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Colleen Beaumier, Roger Clavet, Inky Mark, Bill Siksay, Hon. Andrew Telegdi and Lui Temelkovski.

Associate Members present: Nina Grewal.

In attendance: House of Commons: Jean-Philippe Brochu, Committee Clerk. *Library of Parliament:* Benjamin Dolin, Analyst.

Witnesses: As Individuals: Tao Lu; Na (Kalen) Liang. *Inter-Clinic Immigration Working Group:* Caroline Lindberg, Co-ordinating Chair; Lisa Wyndels, Member; Euginia Cappellaro Zavaleta, Member; Lee Tenenhouse, Member. *As Individuals:* Macdonald Scott, Immigration Consultant. *Immigrant and Refugee Family Re-Unification Support Group:* Maria Antelo, Co-Chair; Lilyam Trujillo, Member, L.R. Family Reunification Support Group. *Ontario Council of Agencies Serving Immigrants:* Debbie Douglas, Executive Director; Loly Rico, Vice-President. *Metro Toronto Chinese and Southeast Asian Legal Clinic:* Avvy Yao-Yao Go, Director. *Parkdale Community Legal Services:* Geraldine Sadoway, Staff Lawyer, Immigration and Refugee Group. *Sponsor your Parents:* Robert M. Hakim, Spokesperson; Vitalina Gorbatyuk, Board Member; Angelina Litvinova, Secretary; Tatiana Nehotina, Member; Regina Shamrakov, Member; Satish Saini, Interim Chair. *As Individuals:* Peter Tedoldi; Carmencita R. Hernandez. *Canadian Society for Medical Laboratory Science:* Kurt H. Davis, Executive Director; Alison McLennan, Director, Communications. *Canadian Employee Relocation Council:* Stephen Cryne, Executive Vice-President; Sergio Karas, Committee Member, Government Relations Committee. *Alliance of Portuguese Clubs and Associations of Ontario:* Rui Pires, Member, Board of Directors. *Association of Colleges of Applied Arts Technology of Ontario:* Michael Cooke, Vice-President, Academic Excellence and Student Success, George Brown College.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on Wednesday, October 27, 2004, the Committee resumed its study of Family Reunification Issues.

Panel I. Family Reunification

Tao Lu, Kalen Liang, Caroline Lindberg, Lisa Wyndels, Macdonald Scott, Maria Antelo, Lilyam Trujillo, Debbie Douglas and Loly Rico made statements and, with Eugenia Cappellaro Zavaleta and Lee Tenenhouse, answered questions.

At 9:24 a.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 9:32 a.m., the sitting resumed.

Panel II. Family Reunification

Avvy Yao-Yao Go, Geraldine Sadoway, Robert M. Hakim and Peter Tedoldi made statements and, with

Tatiana Nehotina and Regina Shamrakov, answered questions.

At 10:05 a.m. Lui Temelkovski took the Chair.

At 10:54 a.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 11:01 a.m., the sitting resumed.

At 11:01 a.m. Andrew Telegdi took the Chair.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on Wednesday, October 27, 2004, the Committee resumed its study of Recognition of the International Experience and Credentials of Immigrants.

Panel III. Foreign Credentials

Kurt H. Davis, Carmencita R. Hernandez, Stephen Cryne, Sergio Karas, Rui Pires and Michael Cooke made statements and, with Alison McLennan, answered questions.

At 12:23 p.m., the Committee adjourned until 1:30 p.m. this afternoon.

William Farrell
Clerk of the Committee

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STANDING COMMITTEE ON CITIZENSHIP AND
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Chair: Andrew Telegdi, Lib.

Meeting No. 45

Thursday, April 14, 2005

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on Wednesday, October 27, 2004, the Committee resumed its study of Recognition of the International Experience and Credentials of Immigrants.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Colleen Beaumier,
Roger Clavet,
Bill Siksay,
Hon. Andrew Telegdi
and Lui Temelkovski.

ACTING MEMBER PRESENT:

Nina Grewal for Rahim Jaffer.

IN ATTENDANCE:

House of Commons:

Jean-Philippe Brochu, Committee Clerk.

Library of Parliament:

Benjamin Dolin, Analyst.

WITNESSES:

Career Edge Organization:

Lucille Joseph, President and CEO;
Barbara Nowers, Director, Career Bridge Internship Program.

City of Toronto Working Group on Immigration and Refugee Issues:

Sylvia Searles, Special Assistant to the Mayor of Toronto;
Rose Lee, Coordinator, Diversity Management, Strategic and
Corporate Policy / Health City Office Chief Administrator's
Office.

College of Physicians and Surgeons of Ontario:

Daniel Klass, Associate Registrar, Director of the Quality
Management Division.

Chinese Professionals Association of Canada:

Andi Shi, Vice-President, External Affairs.

Chinese Canadian National Council:

Colleen Hua, National Executive.

Ontario College of Pharmacists:

Della Croteau, Deputy Registrar, Director of Programs;
Chris Schillemore, Manager, Registration Programs.

Portuguese-Canadian National Congress:

Peter Ferreira, President;
Orlando Santos.

Regional Municipality of Peel:

Norman McLeod, Manager, Strategic Social Policy.

Toronto and Region Conservation Authority:

Chris Benjamin, Coordinator, Volunteerism & Diversity, Human
Resources.

World Education Services:

Timothy Owen, Director.

Canada-Hong Kong Link:

Gloria Fung, Vice-President;
Norman Beach, Immigration Committee Member.

Toronto Region Immigrant Employment Council:
Elizabeth McIsaac, Project Manager.

As Individuals:

Lionel Laroche, President, MCB Solutions;
Anica Raskovic;
Zheni Nasi;
Hong Zhu;
Shuyang Wang;
Magdalena Szmygin, Journalist.

Lionel Laroche, Lucille Joseph, Sylvia Searles, Daniel Klass, Andi Shi and Colleen Hua made statements and, with Barbara Nowers and Rose Lee, answered questions.

Anica Raskovic, Zheni Nasi, Della Croteau, Peter Ferreira and Norman McLeod made statements and, with Chris Schillemore and Orlando Santos, the other witnesses, answered questions.

Hong Zhu, Shuyang Wang, Magdalena Szmygin, Chris Benjamin, Timothy Owen, Gloria Fung, Norman Beach and Elizabeth McIsaac made statements and answered questions.

William Farrell
Clerk of the Committee

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Meeting No. 45

Thursday, April 14, 2005

The Standing Committee on Citizenship and Immigration met at 1:30 p.m. this day, in the Muskoka 1 - 2, Renaissance Toronto Airport Hotel, Toronto, Ontario, Lui Temelkovski, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Colleen Beaumier, Roger Clavet, Bill Siksay, Hon. Andrew Telegdi and Lui Temelkovski.

Acting Members present: Nina Grewal for Rahim Jaffer.

In attendance: House of Commons: Jean-Philippe Brochu, Committee Clerk. *Library of Parliament:* Benjamin Dolin, Analyst.

Witnesses: As Individuals: Lionel Laroche, President, MCB Solutions. *Career Edge Organization:* Lucille Joseph, President and CEO; Barbara Nowers, Director, Career Bridge Internship Program. *City of Toronto Working Group on Immigration and Refugee Issues:* Sylvia Searles, Special Assistant to the Mayor of Toronto; Rose Lee, Coordinator, Diversity Management, Strategic and Corporate Policy / Health City Office Chief Administrator's Office. *College of Physicians and Surgeons of Ontario:* Daniel Klass, Associate Registrar, Director of the Quality Management Division. *Chinese Professionals Association of Canada:* Andi Shi, Vice-President, External Affairs. *Chinese Canadian National Council:* Colleen Hua, National Executive. *As Individuals:* Anica Raskovic; Zheni Nasi. *Ontario College of Pharmacists:* Della Croteau, Deputy Registrar, Director of Programs; Chris Schillemore, Manager, Registration Programs. *Portuguese-Canadian National Congress:* Peter Ferreira, President; Orlando Santos. *Regional Municipality of Peel:* Norman McLeod, Manager, Strategic Social Policy. *As Individuals:* Hong Zhu; Shuyang Wang; Magdalena Szmygin, Journalist. *Toronto and Region Conservation Authority:* Chris Benjamin, Coordinator, Volunteerism & Diversity, Human Resources. *World Education Services:* Timothy Owen, Director. *Canada-Hong Kong Link:* Gloria Fung, Vice-President; Norman Beach, Immigration Committee Member. *Toronto Region Immigrant Employment Council:* Elizabeth McIsaac, Project Manager.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on Wednesday, October 27, 2004, the Committee resumed its study of Recognition of the International Experience and Credentials of Immigrants.

Panel I. Foreign Credentials

Lionel Laroche, Lucille Joseph, Sylvia Searles, Daniel Klass, Andi Shi and Colleen Hua made statements and, with Barbara Nowers and Rose Lee, answered questions.

At 2:45 p.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 3:05 p.m., the sitting resumed.

Panel II.

Anica Raskovic, Zheni Nasi, Della Croteau, Peter Ferreira and Norman McLeod made statements and,

with Chris Schillemore and Orlando Santos, the other witnesses, answered questions.

At 3:55 p.m. Bill Siksay took the Chair.

At 3:56 p.m. Andrew Telegdi took the Chair.

At 4:13 p.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 4:30 p.m., the sitting resumed.

Panel III.

Hong Zhu, Shuyang Wang, Magdalena Szmygin, Chris Benjamin, Timothy Owen, Gloria Fung, Norman Beach and Elizabeth McIsaac made statements and answered questions.

At 5:48 p.m., the Committee adjourned until 9:00 a.m. Friday, April 15, 2005.

William Farrell
Clerk of the Committee

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Chair: Hon. Andrew Telegdi, Lib.

Meeting No. 46

Friday, April 15, 2005

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on Wednesday, October 27, 2004, the Committee resumed its study on Citizenship Issues.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Colleen Beaumier,
Roger Clavet,
Bill Siksay,
Hon. Andrew Telegdi
and Lui Temelkovski.

ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

Michael Chong for Inky Mark.

ASSOCIATE MEMBERS PRESENT:

Nina Grewal.

OTHER MEMBERS PRESENT:

Lynn Myers.

IN ATTENDANCE:

House of Commons:

Jean-Philippe Brochu, Committee Clerk.

Library of Parliament:

Benjamin Dolin, Analyst.

WITNESSES:

As Individuals:

Herb Epp, Mayor;

John Bryden, Former Member of Parliament;

Lorna Van Mossel, Retired Citizenship Court Judge;

Bob Sommerville, Retired Citizenship Court Judge.

Kitchener-Waterloo Multicultural Centre:

Myrta Rivera, Executive Director.

Golden Triangle Sikh Association:

Kuldip Singh Bachher, Secretary.

Ukrainian Canadian Liberal Committee:

Jurij Fedyk.

German Canadian Congress, National:

Ulrich Frisse, Kitchener-Waterloo.

As Individuals:

Irene Rooney;

Elmer Menzie.

John Bryden, Lorna Van Mossel, Bob Sommerville and Myrta Rivera made statements and answered questions.

Kuldip Singh Bachher, Jurij Fedyk, Ulrich Frisse, Irene Rooney and Elmer Menzie made statements and answered questions.

William Farrell
Clerk of the Committee

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Meeting No. 46

Friday, April 15, 2005

The Standing Committee on Citizenship and Immigration met at 9:01 a.m. this day, at City of Waterloo Council Chambers, Waterloo, Ontario, the Chair, Andrew Telegdi, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Colleen Beaumier, Roger Clavet, Bill Siksay, Hon. Andrew Telegdi and Lui Temelkovski.

Acting Members present: Michael Chong for Inky Mark.

Associate Members present: Nina Grewal.

Other Members present: Lynn Myers.

In attendance: House of Commons: Jean-Philippe Brochu, Committee Clerk. *Library of Parliament:* Benjamin Dolin, Analyst.

Witnesses: As Individuals: Herb Epp, Mayor; John Bryden, Former Member of Parliament; Lorna Van Mossel, Retired Citizenship Court Judge; Bob Sommerville, Retired Citizenship Court Judge.

Kitchener-Waterloo Multicultural Centre: Myrta Rivera, Executive Director. *Golden Triangle Sikh Association:* Kuldip Singh Bachher, Secretary. *Ukrainian Canadian Liberal Committee:* Jurij Fedyk. *German Canadian Congress, National:* Ulrich Frisse, Kitchener-Waterloo. *As Individuals:* Irene Rooney; Elmer Menzie.

The Mayor Herb Epp made a statement.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on Wednesday, October 27, 2004, the Committee resumed its study on Citizenship Issues.

Panel I. Citizenship

John Bryden, Lorna Van Mossel, Bob Sommerville and Myrta Rivera made statements and answered questions.

At 10:30 a.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 10:44 a.m., the sitting resumed.

Panel II.

Kuldip Singh Bachher, Jurij Fedyk, Ulrich Frisse, Irene Rooney and Elmer Menzie made statements and answered questions.

At 12:11 p.m., the Committee adjourned until 1:00 p.m.

William Farrell
Clerk of the Committee

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Chair: Andrew Telegdi, Lib.

Meeting No. 47

Friday, April 15, 2005

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on Wednesday, October 27, 2004, the Committee resumed its study of Family Reunification Issues.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on Wednesday, October 27, 2004, the Committee resumed its study of Recognition of the International Experience and Credentials of Immigrants.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Colleen Beaumier,
Roger Clavet,
Bill Siksay,
Andrew Telegdi
and Lui Temelkovski.

ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

Michael Chong for Inky Mark,
and Nina Grewal for Diane Ablonczy.

IN ATTENDANCE:

House of Commons:

Jean-Philippe Brochu, Committee Clerk.

Library of Parliament:

Benjamin Dolin, Analyst.

WITNESSES:

As Individuals:

Abdi A. Hussein, Hydrogeologist, Ministry of Environment,
Guelph District Office;
Marjan Maleki-Tehrani;
Rajinder Verma.

House of Friendship:

Brice Balmer, Chaplaincy Director;
Ann Crossman, Lutheran Refugee Services.

Mennonite Coalition for Refugee Support:

Eunice Valenzuela, Director.

Community Coalition on Refugee & Immigrant Concerns:

Aislinn Clancy;
Margaret Hennig;
Jim Bindernagel;
Gebrehiwot (Gebre) Berihun.

Salvation Army in Canada:

Gordon Armstrong, Major, Commanding Officer, St. Catherines;
Nubia Perez Santamaria, St. Catherines;
Florence Gruer, Settlement Counsellor, Toronto, Immigrant and
Refugee Services.

As Individuals:

Stelian George-Cosh, Professor, Conestaga College, Institute of
Technology.

Centre for Research and Education in Human Services:

Rich Janzen, Research Directeur;
Jassy Narayan, Co-host of the upcoming Immigrant Skills Summit
in Waterloo Region, Member of three pre-Summit Task groups and
founding member and past president, Focus for Ethnic Women.

House of Friendship:

Deborah Schlichter, Executive Director.

As Individuals:
Mazlun Sen.

William Farrell
Clerk of the Committee

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Meeting No. 47

Friday, April 15, 2005

The Standing Committee on Citizenship and Immigration met at 1:08 p.m. this day, in the City of Waterloo Council Chambers, Waterloo, Ontario, the Chair, Andrew Telegdi, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Colleen Beaumier, Roger Clavet, Bill Siksay, Andrew Telegdi and Lui Temelkovski.

Acting Members present: Michael Chong for Inky Mark and Nina Grewal for Diane Ablonczy.

In attendance: House of Commons: Jean-Philippe Brochu, Committee Clerk. *Library of Parliament:* Benjamin Dolin, Analyst.

Witnesses: As Individuals: Abdi A. Hussein, Hydrogeologist, Ministry of Environment, Guelph District Office; Marjan Maleki-Tehrani; Rajinder Verma. *House of Friendship:* Brice Balmer, Chaplaincy Director; Ann Crossman, Lutheran Refugee Services. *Mennonite Coalition for Refugee Support:* Eunice Valenzuela, Director. *Community Coalition on Refugee & Immigrant Concerns:* Aislinn Clancy; Margaret Hennig; Jim Bindernagel; Gebrehiwot (Gebre) Berihun. *Salvation Army in Canada:* Gordon Armstrong, Major, Commanding Officer, St. Catherines; Nubia Perez Santamaria, St. Catherines; Florence Gruer, Settlement Counsellor, Toronto, Immigrant and Refugee Services. *As Individuals:* Stelian George-Cosh, Professor, Conestoga College, Institute of Technology. *Centre for Research and Education in Human Services:* Rich Janzen, Research Directeur; Jassy Narayan, Co-host of the upcoming Immigrant Skills Summit in Waterloo Region, Member of three pre-Summit Task groups and founding member and past president, Focus for Ethnic Women. *House of Friendship:* Deborah Schlichter, Executive Director. *As Individuals:* Mazlun Sen.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on Wednesday, October 27, 2004, the Committee resumed its study of Family Reunification Issues.

Panel I.

Brice Balmer, Eunice Valenzuela, Marjan Maleki-Tehrani, Rajinder Verma, Abdi A. Hussein, Aislinn Clancy and Gordon Armstrong made statements and, with other witnesses answered questions.

At 2:38 p.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 2:49 p.m., the sitting resumed.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on Wednesday, October 27, 2004, the Committee resumed its study of Recognition of the International Experience and Credentials of Immigrants.

Panel II.

Stelian George-Cosh, Rich Narayan, Jassy Narayan, Deborah Schlichter and Mazlun Sen made

statements and answered questions.

At 3:30 p.m., the Committee adjourned until 8:00 a.m., Monday, April 18, 2005.

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Clerk of the Committee

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Chair: Andrew Telegdi, Lib.

Meeting No. 48

Monday, April 18, 2005

ORDERS OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on Wednesday, October 27, 2004, the Committee resumed its study of Recognition of the International Experience and Credentials of Immigrants.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on Wednesday, October 27, 2004, the Committee resumed its study of Family Reunification Issues.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on Wednesday, October 27, 2004, the Committee resumed its study on Citizenship Issues.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Colleen Beaumier,
Meili Faille,
Helena Guergis,
Rahim Jaffer,
Bill Siksay,
Hon. Andrew Telegdi
and Lui Temelkovski.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:
Benjamin Dolin, Analyst.

WITNESSES:

Multicultural Women's Organization of Newfoundland and Labrador:
Lloydetta Quaicoe, President.

Association for New Canadians:
Eileen Kelly Freake, Career Services Manager, AXIS Employment
and Training Centre.

Multicultural Women's Organization of Newfoundland and Labrador:
Kaberi Sarma-Debnath, Member-at-large.

Canadian Council for Refugees:
Nick Summers, President.

Refugee Immigrants Advisory Council:
Donna Jeffrey, Executive Director.

Association for New Canadians:
Janet Mackey, Settlement Social Worker, Manager of Refugee
Claimant Services.

Roman Catholic Episcopal Corporation of St. John's:
Liai Tong Kom, Co-Sponsor, Basilica Parish of St. John the
Baptist;
Laurel Doucette, Parishioner, Basilica Parish of St. John the
Baptist.

As Individuals:
HuaLin Wong, President, HuaLin Wong Immigration Consultant
Limited;
Remzi Cej, Student.

Newfoundland and Labrador Families Adopting Multiculturally:
Lynn Haire.

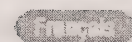
Council of Canadians with Disabilities:
Mary Ennis, Vice Chairperson;
Leslie MacLeod, Member, Human Rights Committee.

Lloydetta Quaicoe, Eileen Kelly Freake, Kaberi Sarma-Debnath, Nick Summers and
Donna Jeffrey made statements and answered questions.

Janet Mackey, Nick Summers, Laurel Doucette, Liai Tong Kom, Donna Jeffrey and
Lloydetta Quaicoe made statements and answered questions.

HuaLin Wong, Remzi Cej, Lynn Haire, Nick Summers and Mary Ennis made statements and, with Leslie MacLeod, answered questions.

William Farrell
Clerk of the Committee

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Meeting No. 48

Monday, April 18, 2005

The Standing Committee on Citizenship and Immigration met at 8:03 a.m. this day, in the Salon A, The Fairmont Newfoundland, St. John's, Newfoundland and Labrador, the Chair, Andrew Telegdi, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Colleen Beaumier, Meili Faille, Helena Guergis, Rahim Jaffer, Bill Siksay, Hon. Andrew Telegdi and Lui Temelkovski.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Benjamin Dolin, Analyst.

Witnesses: Multicultural Women's Organization of Newfoundland and Labrador: Lloydetta Quaicoe, President. *Association for New Canadians:* Eileen Kelly Freake, Career Services Manager, AXIS Employment and Training Centre. *Multicultural Women's Organization of Newfoundland and Labrador:* Kaberi Sarma-Debnath, Member-at-large. *Canadian Council for Refugees:* Nick Summers, President. *Refugee Immigrants Advisory Council:* Donna Jeffrey, Executive Director. *Association for New Canadians:* Janet Mackey, Settlement Social Worker, Manager of Refugee Claimant Services. *Roman Catholic Episcopal Corporation of St. John's:* Liai Tong Kom, Co-Sponsor, Basilica Parish of St. John the Baptist; Laurel Doucette, Parishioner of the Basilica Parish, Basilica Parish of St. John the Baptist. *As Individuals:* HuaLin Wong, President, HuaLin Wong Immigration Consultant Limited; Remzi Cej, Student. *Newfoundland and Labrador Families Adopting Multiculturally:* Lynn Haire. *Council of Canadians with Disabilities:* Mary Ennis, Vice Chairperson; Leslie McLeod, Member, Human Rights Committee.

At 8:07 a.m. Andrew Telegdi took the Chair.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on Wednesday, October 27, 2004, the Committee resumed its study of Recognition of the International Experience and Credentials of Immigrants.

Panel I. Foreign Credentials

Lloydetta Quaicoe, Eileen Kelly Freake, Kaberi Sarma-Debnath, Nick Summers and Donna Jeffrey made statements and answered questions.

At 9:27 a.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 9:35 a.m., the sitting resumed.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on Wednesday, October 27, 2004, the Committee resumed its study of Family Reunification Issues.

Panel II. Family Reunification

Janet Mackey, Nick Summers, Laurel Doucette, Liai Tong Kom, Donna Jeffrey and Lloydetta Quaicoe made statements and answered questions.

At 10:58 a.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 11:04 a.m., the sitting resumed.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on Wednesday, October 27, 2004, the Committee resumed its study on Citizenship Issues.

Panel III. Citizenship

HuaLin Wong, Remzi Cej, Lynn Haire, Nick Summers and Mary Ennis made statements and, with Leslie McLeod, answered questions.

At 12:36 p.m., the Committee adjourned until 9:00 a.m. Wednesday, April 20, 2005.

William Farrell
Clerk of the Committee

2005/04/20 2:55 p.m.

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Chair: Hon. Andrew Telegdi, Lib.

Meeting No. 49

Wednesday, April 20, 2005

ORDERS OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on Wednesday, October 27, 2004, the Committee resumed its study of Recognition of the International Experience and Credentials of Immigrants.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on Wednesday, October 27, 2004, the Committee resumed its study on Citizenship Issues.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Colleen Beaumier,
Helena Guergis,
Rahim Jaffer,
Bill Siksay,
Hon. Andrew Telegdi
and Lui Temelkovski.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:
Benjamin Dolin, Analyst.

WITNESSES:

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Leo Cheverie.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on Wednesday, October 27, 2004, the Committee resumed its study on Citizenship Issues.

Panel IV.

Annet Tol-Riedijk made a statement and answered questions.

At 11:35 a.m., the Committee adjourned until later this day.

William Farrell
Clerk of the Committee

2005/04/20 2:54 p.m.

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Chair: Andrew Telegdi, Lib.

Meeting No. 50

Wednesday, April 20, 2005

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on Wednesday, October 27, 2004, the Committee resumed its study of Recognition of the International Experience and Credentials of Immigrants.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on Wednesday, October 27, 2004, the Committee resumed its study of Family Reunification Issues.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on Wednesday, October 27, 2004, the Committee resumed its study on Citizenship Issues.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Colleen Beaumier,
Helena Guergis,
Rahim Jaffer,
Bill Siksay,
Andrew Telegdi
and Lui Temelkovski.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:
Benjamin Dolin, Analyst.

WITNESSES:

Prince Edward Island Association for Newcomers to Canada:

Catherine Ronahan, Employment Counsellor;
Michelle Jay, Employment Counsellor;
Matilde Longaphee, Social Worker, Peru;
Kevin J. Arsenault, Executive director.

As Individuals:

Wimal Rankaduwa, Associate Professor, Department of
Economics, University of Prince Edward Island;
Gunay Kelly, Former United Nations staff member;
Edward Guergis;
Ron Barrett;
Gary Luhowy;
Virginia Gundaker.

Panel III. Virginia Gundaker, Gary Luhowy, Ron Barrett and Edward Guergis made statements and answered questions.

William Farrell
Clerk of the Committee

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Meeting No. 50

Wednesday, April 20, 2005

The Standing Committee on Citizenship and Immigration met at 1:05 p.m. this day, in Room Elfin Pekeha, Delta Prince Edward Hotel, Charlottetown, Prince Edward Island, the Chair, Andrew Telegdi, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Colleen Beaumier, Helena Guergis, Rahim Jaffer, Bill Siksay, Andrew Telegdi and Lui Temelkovski.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Benjamin Dolin, Analyst.

Witnesses: Prince Edward Island Association for Newcomers to Canada: Catherine Ronahan, Employment Counsellor; Michelle Jay, Employment Counsellor; Matilde Longaphee, Social Worker, Peru; Kevin J. Arsenault, Executive director. *As Individuals:* Wimal Rankaduwa, Associate Professor, Department of Economics, University of Prince Edward Island; Gunay Kelly, For United Nations staff member; Edward Guergis; Ron Barrett; Gary Luhowy; Virginia Gundaker.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on Wednesday, October 27, 2004, the Committee resumed its study of Recognition of the International Experience and Credentials of Immigrants.

Panel I.

Michelle Jay made a statement and, with Cathy Ronaham and Matilde Longaphee, answered questions.

At 1:42 p.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 1:44 p.m., the sitting resumed.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on Wednesday, October 27, 2004, the Committee resumed its study of Family Reunification Issues.

Panel II.

Kevin J. Arsenault, Wimal Rankaduwa and Gunay Kelly made statements and answered questions.

At 2:30 p.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 2:35 p.m., the sitting resumed.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on Wednesday, October 27, 2004, the Committee resumed its study on Citizenship Issues.

Panel III.

Virginia Gundaker, Gary Lohow, Ron Barrett and Edward Guergis made statements and answered questions.

At 3:27 p.m., the Committee adjourned until 8:30 a.m. Thursday, April 21, 2005.

William Farrell
Clerk of the Committee

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Chair: Andrew Telegdi, Lib.

Meeting No. 51

Thursday, April 21, 2005

ORDERS OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on Wednesday, October 27, 2004, the Committee resumed its study on Citizenship Issues.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on Wednesday, October 27, 2004, the Committee resumed its study of Recognition of the International Experience and Credentials of Immigrants.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Helena Guergis
Rahim Jaffer
Bill Siksay
Andrew Telegdi
Lui Temelkovski.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:
Benjamin Dolin, Analyst.

WITNESSES:

Canadian War Brides:

Melynda Jarratt, Historian.

New Brunswick Multicultural Council:

George Maicher, Vice-President, Fredericton;

Asma Regragui, First Vice-President, New Brunswick.

Cyprien (Syp) Okana, Member, Board of Directors, Multicultural Association of the Greater Moncton area.

University of New Brunswick:

Kumud Deka, South Asian Student, Physics Department.

Association of Professional Engineers and Geoscientists of New Brunswick:

Hollis Cole, President;

Andrew McLeod, Ex-Director.

Hollis Cole made a statement and, with Andrew McLeod, answered questions.

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Clerk of the Committee

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Meeting No. 51

Thursday, April 21, 2005

The Standing Committee on Citizenship and Immigration met at 8:30 a.m. this day, in Ballroom AB, Delta Fredericton, Fredericton, New Brunswick, the Chair, Andrew Telegdi, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Helena Guergis, Rahim Jaffer, Bill Siksai, Andrew Telegdi and Lui Temelkovski.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Benjamin Dolin, Analyst.

Witnesses: Canadian War Brides: Melynda Jarratt. *New Brunswick Multicultural Council:* George Maicher, Vice-President, Fredericton; Asma Regragui, First Vice-President, New Brunswick. *University of New Brunswick:* Kumud Deka, South Asian Student, Physics Department. *Association of Professional Engineers and Geoscientists of New Brunswick:* Hollis Cole, President; Andrew McLeod, Ex-Director. *New Brunswick Multicultural Council:* Cyprien (Syp) Okana, Member, Board of Directors, Multicultural Association of the Greater Moncton area.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on Wednesday, October 27, 2004, the Committee resumed its study on Citizenship Issues.

Melynda Jarratt made a statement and answered questions.

At 9:09 a.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 9:15 a.m., the sitting resumed.

George Maicher and Asma Regragui made statements and answered questions.

At 9:52 a.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 10:01 a.m., the sitting resumed.

Kumud Deka made a statement and answered questions.

At 10:19 a.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 10:30 a.m., the sitting resumed.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on Wednesday, October 27, 2004, the Committee resumed its study of Recognition of the International Experience and Credentials of Immigrants.

Hollis Cole made a statement and, with Andrew McLeod, answered questions.

At 11:08 a.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 11:11 a.m., the sitting resumed.

Cyprien (Syp) Okana made a statement and answered questions.

At 11:48 a.m., the Committee adjourned until later today:

William Farrell
Clerk of the Committee

2005/04/28 8:25 a.m.

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Chair: Andrew Telegdi, lib.

Meeting No. 52

Thursday, April 21, 2005

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on Wednesday, October 27, 2004, the Committee resumed its study of Family Reunification Issues.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Helena Guergis,
Rahim Jaffer,
Bill Siksay,
Andrew Telegdi
and Lui Temelkovski.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:
Benjamin Dolin, Analyst.

WITNESSES:

National Indo-Canadian Council:

Madhu Verma, Vice-President , Women;
Guna Kulasegaram, Professor, Political Science, University of
New-Brunswick and Member of the Chapter Association Indo
Canadian of Fredericton.

New Brunswick Multicultural Council:

Judy Loo, Past Member, Board of Directors, Multicultural
Association of Fredericton.

William Farrell
Clerk of the Committee

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Meeting No. 52

Thursday, April 21, 2005

The Standing Committee on Citizenship and Immigration met at 1:07 p.m. this day, in Ballroom AB, Delta Fredericton, Fredericton, New Brunswick, the Chair, Andrew Telegdi, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Helena Guergis, Rahim Jaffer, Bill Siksay, Andrew Telegdi and Lui Temelkovski.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Benjamin Dolin, Analyst.

Witnesses: National Indo-Canadian Council: Madhu Verma, Vice-President, Women; Guna Kulasegaram, Professor, Political Science, University of New-Brunswick and Member of the Chapter Association Indo Canadian of Fredericton. *New Brunswick Multicultural Council:* Judy Loo, Past Member, Board of Directors, Multicultural Association of Fredericton.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on Wednesday, October 27, 2004, the Committee resumed its study of Family Reunification Issues.

Madhu Verma and Guna Kulasegaram made statements and answered questions.

At 1:45 p.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 1:46 p.m., the sitting resumed.

Judy Loo made a statement and answered questions.

At 2:10 p.m., the Committee adjourned until 8:00 a.m., Friday, April 22, 2005.

William Farrell
Clerk of the Committee

2005/04/28 8:26 a.m.

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Chair: Andrew Telegdi. Lib.

Meeting No. 53

Friday, April 22, 2005

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on Wednesday, October 27, 2004, the Committee resumed its study on Citizenship Issues.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Roger Clavet,
Meili Faille,
Helena Guergis,
Rahim Jaffer,
Bill Siksay
and Hon. Andrew Telegdi.

IN ATTENDANCE:

House of Commons:
Jean-François Lafleur, Legislative Clerk.
Library of Parliament:
Benjamin Dolin, Analyst.

WITNESSES:

*Coalition of Concerned Congregations on the Law relating to War Crimes
and Crimes against Humanity including those of the Holocaust:*

Kenneth M. Narvey, Legal Researcher, Chief Operating Officer.

As an Individual:

Cathal Marlow.

National Association of Canadians of Origins in India:

Flora Almeida Marlow, President.

Rassemblement Canadien pour le Liban:

Marie-Claire Namroud, Executive Director.

*Table de concertation des organismes au service des personnes réfugiées
et immigrantes:*

Rivka Augenfeld, President.

Montreal Action Refugee:

Glynis Williams, Director.

Centre ressource à la vie autonome de Métro Montréal:

Amy E. Hasbrouck, Executive Director.

William Farrell
Clerk of the Committee

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Meeting No. 53

Friday, April 22, 2005

The Standing Committee on Citizenship and Immigration met at 8:06 a.m. this day, in the Salon Sarah Bernhardt, Hotel InterContinental Montréal, Montreal, Quebec, the Chair, Andrew Telegdi, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Roger Clavet, Meili Faille, Helena Guergis, Rahim Jaffer, Bill Siksay and Hon. Andrew Telegdi.

In attendance: House of Commons: Jean-François Lafleur, Legislative Clerk. *Library of Parliament:* Benjamin Dolin, Analyst.

Witnesses: Coalition of Concerned Congregations on the Law relating to War Crimes and Crimes against Humanity including those of the Holocaust: Kenneth M. Narvey, Legal Researcher, Chief Operating Officer. *As an Individual:* Cathal Marlow. *National Association of Canadians of Origins in India:* Flora Almeida Marlow, President. *Rassemblement Canadien pour le Liban:* Marie-Claire Namroud, Executive Director. *Table de concertation des organismes au service des personnes réfugiées et immigrantes:* Rivka Augenfeld, President. *Montreal Action Refugee:* Glynis Williams, Director. *Centre ressource à la vie autonome de Métro Montréal:* Amy E. Hasbrouck, Executive Director.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on Wednesday, October 27, 2004, the Committee resumed its study on Citizenship Issues.

Panel I. Citizenship

Kenneth M. Narvey made a statement and answered questions.

At 9:15 a.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 9:32 a.m., the sitting resumed.

Panel II.

Flora Almeida Marlow, Marie-Claire Namroud and Cathal Marlow made statements and answered questions.

At 11:05 a.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 11:10 a.m., the sitting resumed.

Panel III.

Rivka Augenfeld, Glynis Williams and Amy E. Hasbrouck made statements and answered questions.

At 11:58 a.m., the Committee adjourned until 13:00 p.m. this afternoon.

William Farrell
Clerk of the Committee

2005/04/28 8:31 a.m.

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Chair: Andrew Telegdi, Lib.

Meeting No. 54

Friday, April 22, 2005

ORDERS OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on Wednesday, October 27, 2004, the Committee resumed its study of Recognition of the International Experience and Credentials of Immigrants.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on Wednesday, October 27, 2004, the Committee resumed its study of Family Reunification Issues.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Roger Clavet,
Meili Faille,
Helena Guergis,
Rahim Jaffer,
Bill Siksay
and Hon. Andrew Telegdi.

IN ATTENDANCE:

House of Commons:
Jean-François Lafleur, Legislative Clerk.
Library of Parliament:
Benjamin Dolin, Analyst.

WITNESSES:

National Association of Canadians of Origins in India:
Flora Almeida Marlow, President.

Social Democratic Front:
Félicité Tchapda, President, Cameroun.

Quebec Interprofessional Council:
André Gariépy, Lawyer and Director General.

Quebec Immigration Lawyers Association:
Patrick Claude Caron, CA member;
Elaine Doyon, Lawyer and Vice-President.

*Coalition of Concerned Congregations on the Law relating to War Crimes
and Crimes against Humanity including those of the Holocaust:*
Kenneth M. Narvey, Legal Researcher, Chief Operating Officer.

Rassemblement Canadien pour le Liban:
Georgette Hetti.

Communauté Congolaise du Canada:
Alfred Lukhanda, coordinator;
Félicien Ngankoy, youth coordinator.

As an Individual:
David Siner.

*Table de concertation des organismes au service des personnes réfugiées
et immigrantes:*
Rivka Augenfeld, President;
Richard Goldman, Coordinator, Refugee Protection.

Human Rights Action Committee:
Sanjiv Kumar, President.

William Farrell
Clerk of the Committee

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Meeting No. 54

Friday, April 22, 2005

The Standing Committee on Citizenship and Immigration met at 1:08 p.m. this day, in the Salon Sarah Bernhardt, Hotel InterContinental Montréal, Montreal, Quebec, the Vice-Chair, Meili Faille, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Roger Clavet, Meili Faille, Helena Guergis, Rahim Jaffer, Bill Siksay and Hon. Andrew Telegdi.

In attendance: House of Commons: Jean-François Lafleur, Legislative Clerk. *Library of Parliament:* Benjamin Dolin, Analyst.

Witnesses: National Association of Canadians of Origins in India: Flora Almeida Marlow, President. *Social Democratic Front:* Félicité Tchapda, President, Cameroun. *Quebec Interprofessional Council:* André Gariépy, Lawyer and Director General. *Quebec Immigration Lawyers Association:* Patrick Claude Caron, CA member; Elaine Doyon, Lawyer and Vice-President. *Coalition of Concerned Congregations on the Law relating to War Crimes and Crimes against Humanity including those of the Holocaust:* Kenneth M. Narvey, Legal Researcher, Chief Operating Officer. *Rassemblement Canadien pour le Liban:* Georgette Hetti. *Communauté Congolaise du Canada:* Alfred Lukhanda, coordinator; Félicien Ngankoy, youth coordinator. *As an Individual:* David Siner. *Table de concertation des organismes au service des personnes réfugiées et immigrantes:* Rivka Augenfeld, President; Richard Goldman, Coordinator, Refugee Protection. *Human Rights Action Committee:* Sanjiv Kumar, President.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on Wednesday, October 27, 2004, the Committee resumed its study of Recognition of the International Experience and Credentials of Immigrants.

Panel I. Foreign Credentials

Flora Almeida Marlow, Félicité Tchapda and André Gariépy made statements and answered questions.

At 2:22 p.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 2:32 p.m., the sitting resumed.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on Wednesday, October 27, 2004, the Committee resumed its study of Family Reunification Issues.

Panel II. Family Reunification

David Siner, Félicité Tchapda, Rivka Augenfeld, Richard Goldman and Sanjiv Kumar made statements and answered questions.

Patrick Claude Caron, Kenneth M. Narvey, Flora Almeida Marlow, Georgette Heidi and Alfred Lukhanda made statements and answered questions.

At 3:36 p.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 3:55 p.m., the sitting resumed.

Panel III.

At 5:05 p.m., the Committee adjourned until 9:00 a.m. Tuesday, April 26, 2005.

William Farrell
Clerk of the Committee

2005/04/28 8:31 a.m.

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Chair: Andrew Telegdi, Lib.

Meeting No. 55

Tuesday, April 26, 2005

ORDERS OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on Wednesday, October 27, 2004, the Committee resumed its study on Citizenship Issues.

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Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on Wednesday, October 27, 2004, the Committee resumed its study of Family Reunification Issues.

MEMBER OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Hon. Andrew Telegdi.

ACTING MEMBER PRESENT:

Alexa McDonough for Bill Siksay.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:
Benjamin Dolin, Analyst.

WITNESSES:

As Individuals:
Stuart Martin
Marianela Fuertes
Anjana KC
Carmen Celina Moncayo
Carmen Radulescu.

Atlantic Metropolis Centre:
Marjorie Stone, Co-Director
Ather Akbari, Domain Leader, Economic Consequences of
Immigration
Swarna Weerasinghe, Domain Leader, Health and Well-Being of
Immigrants.

Nova Scotia Legislative Assembly:
Kevin Deveaux, Member, New Democratic Party Caucus.

Metropolitan Immigrant Settlement Association:
Jan Sheppard Kutcher, Employment Services Manager.

Nova Scotia Office of Immigration:
Megan S. Edwards.

Ather Akbari and Swarna Weerasinghe made statements and, with Marjorie Stone, answered questions.

William Farrell
Clerk of the Committee

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Meeting No. 55

Tuesday, April 26, 2005

The Standing Committee on Citizenship and Immigration met at 9:05 a.m. this day, in the Common Room, Dartmouth Sportsplex Community Association, Dartmouth, Nova Scotia, the Chair, Andrew Telegdi, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Hon. Andrew Telegdi.

Acting Members present: Alexa McDonough for Bill Siksay.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Benjamin Dolin, Analyst.

Witnesses: As an Individual: Stuart Martin. *Atlantic Metropolis Centre:* Marjorie Stone, Co-Director; Ather Akbari, Domain Leader, Economic Consequences of Immigration; Swarna Weerasinghe, Domain Leader, Health and Well-Being of Immigrants. *Nova Scotia Legislative Assembly:* Kevin Deveaux, Member, New Democratic Party Caucus. *Metropolitan Immigrant Settlement Association:* Jan Sheppard Kutcher, Employment Services Manager. *As an Individual:* Carmen Radulescu. *Nova Scotia Office of Immigration:* Megan S. Edwards. *As Individuals:* Marianela Fuertes; Anjana KC; Carmen Celina Moncayo.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on Wednesday, October 27, 2004, the Committee resumed its study on Citizenship Issues.

Panel I. Citizenship

Stuart Martin and Marjorie Stone made statements and answered questions.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on Wednesday, October 27, 2004, the Committee resumed its study of Recognition of the International Experience and Credentials of Immigrants.

Panel II. Foreign Credentials

Ather Akbari and Swarna Weerasinghe made statements and, with Marjorie Stone, answered questions.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on Wednesday, October 27, 2004, the Committee resumed its study of Family Reunification Issues.

Panel III. Family Reunification

Swarna Weerasinghe made a statement and answered questions.

At 10:05 a.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 10:08 a.m., the sitting resumed.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on Wednesday, October 27, 2004, the Committee resumed its study of Recognition of the International Experience and Credentials of Immigrants.

Panel IV. Foreign Credentials

Kevin Deveaux, Jan Sheppard Kutcher, Carmen Radulescu and Megan Edwards made statements and answered questions.

At 11:30 a.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 11:38 a.m., the sitting resumed.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on Wednesday, October 27, 2004, the Committee resumed its study of Family Reunification Issues.

Panel V. Family Reunification

Megan Edwards, Marianela Fuertes, Anjana KC and Carmen Celina Moncayo made statements and answered questions.

At 12:23 p.m., the Committee adjourned until 9:00 a.m. Wednesday, April 27, 2005.

William Farrell
Clerk of the Committee

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Chair: Hon. Andrew Telegdi, Lib.

Meeting No. 56

Wednesday, April 27, 2005

ORDERS OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on Wednesday, October 27, 2004, the Committee resumed its study of Family Reunification Issues.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on Wednesday, October 27, 2004, the Committee resumed its study of Recognition of the International Experience and Credentials of Immigrants.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on Wednesday, October 27, 2004, the Committee resumed its study of Family Reunification Issues.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Roger Clavet,
Meili Faille
and Hon. Andrew Telegdi.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:
Benjamin Dolin, Analyst.

WITNESSES:

Centre International des Femmes de Québec:
Bouchra Kaache, Director.

Service d'accueil aux réfugiés de Québec:
Andrée Juneau, Coordinator.

As Individuals:
Jocelyne Michaud.

Centre Culturel Islamique de Québec:
Nadia El Ghandouri, Lawyer, Héroux & Boivin;
Nader Trigui, Lawyer.

As Individuals:
Paule Bérubé;
Stefan Szilva.

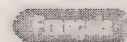
Human Rights Action Committee:
Inderjeet Singh.

Bouchra Kaache, Andrée Juneau and Jocelyne Michaud made statements and answered questions.

Nadia El Ghandouri, Nader Trigui and Paule Bérubé made statements and, answered questions.

Stefan Szilva made a statement and answered questions.

William Farrell
Clerk of the Committee



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Meeting No. 56

Wednesday, April 27, 2005

The Standing Committee on Citizenship and Immigration met at 9:06 a.m. this day, in the Room Fontainebleau-Rambouillet, Hotel Palace Royal, Quebec, Quebec, the Chair, Andrew Telegdi, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Roger Clavet, Meili Faille and Andrew Telegdi.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Benjamin Dolin, Analyst.

Witnesses: Centre International des Femmes de Québec: Bouchra Kaache, Director. *Service d'accueil aux réfugiés de Québec:* Andrée Juneau, Coordinator. *As an Individual:* Jocelyne Michaud. *Centre Culturel Islamique du Québec:* Nadia El Ghandouri, Lawyer, Héroux & Boivin; Nader Trigui, Lawyer. *As Individuals:* Paule Bérubé; Stefan Szilva. *Human Rights Action Committee:* Inderjeet Singh.

At 9:10 Roger Clavet took the Chair.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on Wednesday, October 27, 2004, the Committee resumed its study of Family Reunification Issues.

Panel I. Family Reunification Issues

Bouchra Kaache, Andrée Juneau and Jocelyne Michaud made statements and answered questions.

At 9:50, the sitting was suspended.

At 9:59, the sitting resumed.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on Wednesday, October 27, 2004, the Committee resumed its study of Recognition of the International Experience and Credentials of Immigrants.

Panel II. Foreign Credentials

Nadia El Ghandouri, Nader Trigui and Paule Bérubé made statements and, answered questions.

At 10:40, the sitting was suspended.

At 10:55, the sitting resumed.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on Wednesday, October 27, 2004, the Committee resumed its study of Family Reunification Issues.

Panel III. Family Reunification

Stefan Szilva made a statement and answered questions.

At 11:16, the sitting was suspended.

At 11:19, the sitting resumed.

Panel IV. Family Reunification

Inderjett Singh made a statement and answered questions.

At 11:33 a.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

William Farrell
Clerk of the Committee

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Meeting No. 57

Tuesday, May 3, 2005

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on Wednesday, October 27, 2004, the Committee resumed its study on Citizenship Issues.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Hon. David A. Anderson,
Colleen Beaumier,
Roger Clavet,
Meili Faille,
Hon. Hedy Fry,
Inky Mark,
Bill Siksay,
Hon. Andrew Telegdi
and Lui Temelkovski.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:
Benjamin Dolin, Analyst.

WITNESSES:

Mennonite Central Committee Canada:
Bill Janzen, Director, Ottawa Office.

Canadian Tourism Human Resource Council:

Wendy Swedlove, President.

Canadian Jewish Congress:

Victor Goldbloom, Chair, National Executive;

Eric Vernon, Director, Government Relations.

Canadian Labour Congress:

Hassan Yussuff, Secretary Treasurer;

David Onyalo, National Director, Anti-Racism & Human Rights
Department.

William Farrell
Clerk of the Committee

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Meeting No. 57

Tuesday, May 3, 2005

The Standing Committee on Citizenship and Immigration met at 11:01 a.m. this day, in Room 269 West Block, the Chair, Andrew Telegdi, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: David A. Anderson, Colleen Beaumier, Roger Clavet, Meili Faille, Hedy Fry, Inky Mark, Bill Siksay, Andrew Telegdi and Lui Temelkovski.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Benjamin Dolin, Analyst.

Witnesses: Mennonite Central Committee Canada: Bill Janzen, Director, Ottawa Office. *Canadian Tourism Human Resource Council:* Wendy Swedlove, President. *Canadian Jewish Congress:* Victor Goldbloom, Chair, National Executive; Eric Vernon, Director, Government Relations. *Canadian Labour Congress:* Hassan Yussuff, Secretary Treasurer; David Onyalo, National Director, Anti-Racism & Human Rights Department.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on Wednesday, October 27, 2004, the Committee resumed its study on Citizenship Issues.

Bill Janzen, Wendy Swedlove, Victor Goldbloom and Hassan Yussuff made statements and with, Eric Vernon, answered questions.

At 12:20 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

William Farrell
Clerk of the Committee

2005/05/04 5:03 p.m.

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Chair: Andrew Telegdi, Lib.

Meeting No. 58

Thursday, May 5, 2005

ORDERS OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on Wednesday, October 27, 2004, the Committee resumed its study of Recognition of the International Experience and Credentials of Immigrants.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

David A. Anderson,
Colleen Beaumier,
Roger Clavet,
Meili Faille,
Helena Guergis,
Bill Siksay,
Andrew Telegdi
and Lui Temelkovski.

ACTING MEMBER PRESENT:

Borys Wrzesnewskyj for Hedy Fry.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:

Benjamin Dolin, Analyst.

WITNESSES:

Association of Canadian Community Colleges:

Terry-Anne Boyles, Vice-President, Members Services and Public Policy.

Canadian Labour Congress:

David Onyalo, National Director, Anti-Racism & Human Rights Department.

Canadian Tourism Human Resource Council:

Philip Mondor, Vice-President and Director of Development.

Pharmacy Examining Board of Canada:

John Pugsley, Registrar-Treasurer.

William Farrell
Clerk of the Committee

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Meeting No. 58

Thursday, May 5, 2005

The Standing Committee on Citizenship and Immigration met at 11:11 a.m. this day, in Room 209 West Block, the Chair, Andrew Telegdi, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: David A. Anderson, Colleen Beaumier, Roger Clavet, Meili Faille, Helena Guergis, Bill Siksay, Andrew Telegdi and Lui Temelkovski.

Acting Members present: Borys Wrzesnewskyj for Hedy Fry.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Benjamin Dolin, Analyst.

Witnesses: Association of Canadian Community Colleges: Terry-Anne Boyles, Vice-President, Members Services and Public Policy. *Canadian Labour Congress:* David Onyalo, National Director, Anti-Racism & Human Rights Department. *Canadian Tourism Human Resource Council:* Philip Mondor, Vice-President and Director of Development. *Pharmacy Examining Board of Canada:* John Pugsley, Registrar-Treasurer.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on Wednesday, October 27, 2004, the Committee resumed its study of Recognition of the International Experience and Credentials of Immigrants.

Terry-Anne Boyles, David Onyalo, John Pugsley and Philip Mondor made statements and answered questions.

At 12:24 p.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 12:35 p.m., the sitting resumed.

The Chair presented the Third Report from the Subcommittee on Agenda and Procedure which read as follows:

It was agreed, - That the Committee undertake a report on Revocation.

It was agreed, - That the Committee not hear the Minister on Tuesday, May 10, 2005 as the Main Estimates have been withdrawn from the Committee.

It was agreed, - That the Committee have a briefing from the Department of Citizenship and Immigration Canada on Canadian War Brides from 11:00 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. on Tuesday, May 10, 2005.

It was agreed, - That the Committee commence consideration of a Draft Report on Revocation on Tuesday, May 10, 2005 from 12:15 p.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Lui Temelkovski moved, — That the Third Report be amended in paragraph 3 by striking out 12:15 p.m. and replacing it with 12 noon and also adding the following after 2005 in paragraph 3.

That the Committee invite Melynda Jarratt, a representative from the Canadian War Brides to appear on Tuesday, May 10, 2005 from 12 noon to 12:30 p.m.

The question being put on the amendment, it was agreed to.

By unanimous consent, it was agreed, — That the report of the Subcommittee, as amended, be concurred in.

At 12:37 p.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 12:38 p.m., the sitting resumed in camera.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

At 1:15 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

William Farrell
Clerk of the Committee

2005/05/09 8:25 a.m.

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Chair: Andrew Telegdi. Lib.

Meeting No. 59

Tuesday, May 10, 2005

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on Wednesday, October 27, 2004, the Committee resumed its study on Citizenship Issues.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on Wednesday, October 27, 2004, the Committee resumed its study on Citizenship Issues.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

David A. Anderson,
Roger Clavet,
Meili Faille,
Hedy Fry,
Rahim Jaffer,
Inky Mark,
Bill Siksay,
Andrew Telegdi
and Lui Temelkovski.

ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

Borys Wrzesnewskyj for Colleen Beaumier.

ASSOCIATE MEMBERS PRESENT:

Nina Grewal.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:

Benjamin Dolin, Analyst.

WITNESSES:

Department of Citizenship and Immigration:

Daniel Jean, Assistant Deputy Minister, Policy and Program
Development;

Clark Goodman, Acting Director, Citizenship Division, Acting
Registrar, Citizenship, Integration Branch.

Canadian War Brides:

Melynda Jarratt, Historian.

William Farrell
Clerk of the Committee

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Tuesday, May 10, 2005

The Standing Committee on Citizenship and Immigration met in a televised session at 11:18 a.m. this day, in Room 253-D Centre Block, the Chair, Andrew Telegdi, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: David A. Anderson, Roger Clavet, Meili Faille, Hedy Fry, Rahim Jaffer, Inky Mark, Bill Siksay, Andrew Telegdi and Lui Temelkovski.

Acting Members present: Borys Wrzesnewskyj for Colleen Beaumier.

Associate Members present: Nina Grewal.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Benjamin Dolin, Analyst.

Witnesses: Department of Citizenship and Immigration: Daniel Jean, Assistant Deputy Minister, Policy and Program Development; Clark Goodman, Acting Director, Citizenship Division, Acting Registrar, Citizenship, Integration Branch. *Canadian War Brides:* Melynda Jarratt, Historian.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on Wednesday, October 27, 2004, the Committee resumed its study on Citizenship Issues - Briefing from the Department of Citizenship and Immigration Canada on Canadian War Brides.

Daniel Jean made a statement and with, Clark Goodman, answered questions.

At 12:07 p.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 12:11 p.m., the sitting resumed.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on Wednesday, October 27, 2004, the Committee resumed its study on Citizenship Issues.

Melynda Jarratt made a statement and answered questions.

At 12:45 p.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 12:58 p.m., the sitting resumed in camera.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

It was agreed, - That the Committee commence consideration of a draft report on Revocation on Thursday, May 12, 2005, from 1:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m.

At 1:05 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

William Farrell
Clerk of the Committee

2005/05/11 9:30 a.m.

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Chair: Hon. Andrew Telegdi, Lib.

Meeting No. 60

Thursday, May 12, 2005

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on Wednesday, October 27, 2004, the Committee resumed its study of Family Reunification Issues.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Hon. Hedy Fry,
Bill Siksay,
Hon. Andrew Telegdi
and Lui Temelkovski.

ACTING MEMBER PRESENT:

Larry Bagnell for David A. Anderson.

ASSOCIATE MEMBER PRESENT:

Pat Martin.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:
Benjamin Dolin, Analyst.

WITNESSES:

As an Individual:

Liang Zhang, Software Engineer.

Solidarity Across Borders:

Fawzi Malik, Organizer and Spokesperson;
Sarita Ahooja, Organizer and Spokesperson;
Ahmad Hawarneh, Coalition Against the Deportation of
Palestinians.

Canadian Polish Congress:

Maria Krajewska, Chair, Immigration Committee.

Falun Dafa Association of Canada:

Grace Wollensak, National Coordinator.

*National Organization of Immigrant and Visible Minority Women of
Canada:*

Anu Bose, Executive Director, National Office.

William Farrell
Clerk of the Committee

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Meeting No. 60

Thursday, May 12, 2005

The Standing Committee on Citizenship and Immigration met at 11:49 a.m. this day, in Room 209 West Block, the Chair, Andrew Telegdi, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Hedy Fry, Bill Siksay, Andrew Telegdi and Lui Temelkovski.

Acting Members present: Larry Bagnell for David A. Anderson.

Associate Members present: Pat Martin.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Benjamin Dolin, Analyst.

Witnesses: As an Individual: Liang Zhang, Software Engineer. *Solidarity Across Borders:* Fawzi Malik, Organizer and Spokesperson; Sarita Ahooja, Organizer and Spokesperson; Ahmad Hawarneh, Coalition Against the Deportation of Palestinians. *Canadian Polish Congress:* Maria Krajewska, Chair, Immigration Committee. *Falun Dafa Association of Canada:* Grace Wollensak, National Coordinator. *National Organization of Immigrant and Visible Minority Women of Canada:* Anu Bose, Executive Director, National Office.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on Wednesday, October 27, 2004, the Committee resumed its study of Family Reunification Issues.

Liang Zhang, Sarita Ahooja, Maria Krajewska, Grace Wollensak and Anu Bose made statements and with Fawzi Malik and Ahmed Hawarneh answered questions.

At 1:15 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

William Farrell
Clerk of the Committee

2005/05/17 3:11 p.m.

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Chair: Hon. Andrew Telegdi, Lib.

Meeting No. 61

Tuesday, May 17, 2005

ORDERS OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on Wednesday, October 27, 2004, the Committee resumed its study of Recognition of the International Experience and Credentials of Immigrants.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on Wednesday, October 27, 2004, the Committee resumed its study on Citizenship Issues.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on Wednesday, October 27, 2004, the Committee resumed its study of Family Reunification Issues.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Hon. David A. Anderson,
Colleen Beaumier,
Roger Clavet,
Meili Faille,
Hon. Hedy Fry,
Helena Guergis,
Inky Mark,
Bill Siksay,
Hon. Andrew Telegdi
and Lui Temelkovski.

ACTING MEMBER PRESENT:

Nina Grewal for Rahim Jaffer.

OTHER MEMBER PRESENT:

Borys Wrzesnewskyj.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:
Benjamin Dolin, Analyst.

WITNESSES:

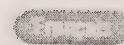
La Cité Collégiale:
Andrée Lortie, President;
Denis Hubert, Vice-President, Innovation and Market Development.

Carrefour de l'immigration de l'Abitibi-Témiscamingue:
Monique Fay, Coordinator.

Regroupement des cliniques juridiques communautaires d'Ottawa:
Laurie Joe, Lawyer, Regroupement de: Clinique juridique francophone de l'Est d'Ottawa / Clinique juridique communautaire (Centre-ville) / Services juridiques de l'Ouest d'Ottawa / Services juridiques communautaires du Sur d'Ottawa.

National Action Committee on the Status of Women:
Sunjee John, Interim President.

William Farrell
Clerk of the Committee

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Meeting No. 61

Tuesday, May 17, 2005

The Standing Committee on Citizenship and Immigration met at 11:10 a.m. this day, in Room 209 West Block, the Chair, Andrew Telegdi, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: David A. Anderson, Colleen Beaumier, Roger Clavet, Meili Faille, Hedy Fry, Helena Guergis, Inky Mark, Bill Siksay, Andrew Telegdi and Lui Temelkovski.

Acting Members present: Nina Grewal for Rahim Jaffer.

Other Members present: Borys Wrzesnewskyj.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Benjamin Dolin, Analyst.

Witnesses: La Cité Collégiale: Andrée Lortie, President; Denis Hubert, Vice-President, Innovation and Market Development. *Carrefour de l'immigration de l'Abitibi-Témiscamingue:* Monique Fay, Coordinator. *Regroupement des cliniques juridiques communautaires d'Ottawa:* Laurie Joe, Lawyer, Regroupement de: Clinique juridique francophone de l'Est d'Ottawa / Clinique juridique communautaire (Centre-ville) / Services juridiques de l'Ouest d'Ottawa / Services juridiques communautaires du Sur d'Ottawa. *National Action Committee on the Status of Women:* Sungee John, Interim President.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on Wednesday, October 27, 2004, the Committee resumed its study of Recognition of the International Experience and Credentials of Immigrants.

Andrée Lortie and Denis Hubert made statements and answered questions.

At 11:56 a.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 12:07 p.m., the sitting resumed *in camera*.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on Wednesday, October 27, 2004, the Committee resumed its study on Citizenship Issues - Citizenship Revocation.

The Committee resumed consideration of a draft report on Citizenship Revocation.

It was agreed, — That the Committee meet on Thursday, May 19 from 12:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. to resume consideration of a draft report on Citizenship Revocation.

At 1:03 p.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 1:10 p.m., the sitting resumed in public.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on Wednesday, October 27, 2004, the Committee resumed its study of Family Reunification Issues.

Monique Fay, Laurie Joe et Sungee John made statements and answered questions.

At 2:00 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

William Farrell
Clerk of the Committee

2005/05/17 2:39 p.m.

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Chair: Andrew Telegdi, Lib.

Meeting No. 62

Thursday, May 19, 2005

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on Wednesday, October 27, 2004, the Committee resumed its study on Citizenship Issues.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Diane Ablonczy,
David A. Anderson,
Colleen Beaumier,
Roger Clavet,
Meili Faille,
Hedy Fry,
Bill Siksay,
Andrew Telegdi
and Lui Temelkovski.

ACTING MEMBER PRESENT:

Nina Grewal for Rahim Jaffer.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Standing Committee on Citizenship and Immigration:
Benjamin Dolin, Analyst.

William Farrell
Clerk of the Committee

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Meeting No. 62

Thursday, May 19, 2005

The Standing Committee on Citizenship and Immigration met *in camera* at 12:23 p.m. this day, in Room 371 West Block, the Chair, Andrew Telegdi, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Diane Ablonczy, David A. Anderson, Colleen Beaumier, Roger Clavet, Meili Faille, Hedy Fry, Bill Siksay, Andrew Telegdi and Lui Temelkovski.

Acting Members present: Nina Gréwal for Rahim Jaffer.

In attendance: Standing Committee on Citizenship and Immigration: Benjamin Dolin, Analyst.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on Wednesday, October 27, 2004, the Committee resumed its study on Citizenship Issues - Citizenship Revocation.

The Committee resumed consideration of a draft report on Citizenship Revocation.

At 2:05 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

William Farrell
Clerk of the Committee

2005/05/19 2:25 p.m.

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Meeting No. 62

Thursday, May 19, 2005

The Standing Committee on Citizenship and Immigration met *in camera* at 12:23 p.m. this day, in Room 371 West Block, the Chair, Andrew Telegdi, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Diane Ablonczy, David A. Anderson, Colleen Beaumier, Roger Clavet, Meili Faille, Hedy Fry, Bill Siksay, Andrew Telegdi and Lui Temelkovski.

Acting Members present: Nina Grewal for Rahim Jaffer.

Attendance: Standing Committee on Citizenship and Immigration: Benjamin Dolin, Analyst.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on Wednesday, October 27, 2004, the Committee resumed its study on Citizenship Issues - Citizenship Revocation.

The Committee resumed consideration of a draft report on Citizenship Revocation.

At 2:05 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

William Farrell
Clerk of the Committee

2005/05/19 2:25 p.m.

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Chair: Andrew Telegdi, Lib.

Meeting No. 63

Tuesday, May 31, 2005

IN CAMERA

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Meeting No. 63

Tuesday, May 31, 2005

The Standing Committee on Citizenship and Immigration met *in camera* at 11:04 a.m. this day, in Room 209 West Block, the Chair, Andrew Telegdi, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Diane Ablonczy, Colleen Beaumier, Roger Clavet, Hedy Fry, Rahim Jaffer, Anky Mark, Bill Siksay, Andrew Telegdi and Lui Temelkovski.

Acting Members present: Marc Lemay for Meili Faille, Gurbax Malhi for David A. Anderson and Joy Smith for Helena Guergis.

Associate Members present: Nina Grewal.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Benjamin Dolin, Analyst.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on Wednesday, October 27, 2004, the Committee resumed its study on Citizenship Issues - Citizenship Revocation.

The Committee resumed consideration of a draft report.

It was agreed, — That the report be entitled: Citizenship Revocation: A Question of Due Process and Respecting Charter Rights.

It was agreed, — That the draft report, as amended, be adopted.

It was agreed, — That the Committee append to its report dissenting or supplementary opinions provided that it be no more than 3 pages in length and submitted electronically in both official languages to the Clerk of the Committee, no later than 3:00 p.m., on June 1, 2005.

It was agreed, — That the Chair present the report to the House.

It was agreed, — That the Chair, Clerk and analyst be authorized to make such grammatical and editorial changes as may be necessary without changing the substance of the report.

It was agreed, — That the Committee print 550 copies of its report in a bilingual format.

At 11:47 a.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

William Farrell
Clerk of the Committee

2005/06/07 10:04 a.m.

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Chair: Andrew Telegdi, Lib.

Meeting No. 64

Thursday, June 9, 2005

IN CAMERA

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Meeting No. 64

Thursday, June 9, 2005

The Standing Committee on Citizenship and Immigration met *in camera* at 11:05 a.m. this day, in Room 209 West Block, the Chair, Andrew Telegdi, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Diane Ablonczy, David A. Anderson, Colleen Beaumier, Roger Clavet, Meili Faille, Hedy Fry, Bill Siksay, Andrew Telegdi, Lui Temelkovski and Merv Tweed.

Acting Members present: Claude Drouin for Colleen Beaumier and Russ Powers for David A. Anderson.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Benjamin Dolin, Analyst.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on Wednesday, October 27, 2004, the Committee resumed its study on Citizenship Issues.

The Committee commenced consideration of a draft report.

It was agreed, — That the Committee be authorized to purchase 15 books entitled *Voices of the Left Behind: Project Roots and the Canadian War Children of World War Two* for the use of the Committee as it continues its study on Citizenship Issues.

It was agreed, — That the Committee invite officials from the Department of Citizenship and Immigration Canada and from the Canada Border Services Agency to give a briefing on biometrics on Tuesday, June 14, 2005, from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

At 12:57 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

William Farrell
Clerk of the Committee

2005/06/09 2:37 p.m.

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Chair: Andrew Telegdi, Lib.

Meeting No. 65

Tuesday, June 14, 2005

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee proceeded to a briefing session on biometrics.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Diane Ablonczy,
Colleen Beaumier,
Roger Clavet,
Meili Faille,
Hon. Hedy Fry,
Hon. Andrew Telegdi,
Lui Temelkovski
and Merv Tweed.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:
Benjamin Dolin, Analyst.

WITNESSES:

Department of Citizenship and Immigration:

Daniel Jean, Assistant Deputy Minister, Policy and Program Development;

Brigitte Diogo, Acting Director General, Admissibility Branch;

Bruce Grundison, Director, Biometrics Planning Project, Admissibility Branch.

Canada Border Services Agency:

Kin Choi, Director General, Major Projects Design and Development Directorate, Innovation, Science and Technology Branch;

Randy Jordan, Associate Director, Immigration Ports and Border Management Division, Admissibility Branch.

Louise M. Thibault
Committee Clerk *

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Meeting No. 65

Tuesday, June 14, 2005

The Standing Committee on Citizenship and Immigration met in a televised session at 9:06 a.m. this day, in Room 237-C Centre Block, the Chair, Andrew Telegdi, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Diane Ablonczy, Colleen Beaumier, Roger Clavet, Meili Faille, Hon. Hedy Fry, Hon. Andrew Telegdi, Lui Temelkovski and Merv Tweed.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Benjamin Dolin, Analyst.

Witnesses: Department of Citizenship and Immigration: Daniel Jean, Assistant Deputy Minister, Policy and Program Development; Brigitte Diogo, Acting Director General, Admissibility Branch; Bruce Grundison, Director, Biometrics Planning Project, Admissibility Branch. *Canada Border Services Agency:* Kin Choi, Director General, Major Projects Design and Development Directorate, Innovation, Science and Technology Branch; Randy Jordan, Associate Director, Immigration Ports and Border Management Division, Admissibility Branch.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee proceeded to a briefing session on biometrics.

Daniel Jean made a statement and answered questions.

At 10:17 a.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Louise M. Thibault
Committee Clerk

2005/06/15 7:46 a.m.

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Chair: Andrew Telegdi, Lib.

Meeting No. 66

Thursday, June 16, 2005

IN CAMERA

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Meeting No. 66

Thursday, June 16, 2005

The Standing Committee on Citizenship and Immigration met *in camera* at 11:45 a.m. this day, in Room 308 West Block, the Chair, Andrew Telegdi, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Diane Ablonczy, David A. Anderson, Roger Clavet, Meili Faille, Hedy Fry, Bill Siksay, Andrew Telegdi, Lui Temelkovski and Merv Tweed.

Acting Members present: Susan Kadis for Colleen Beaumier.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Benjamin Dolin, Analyst.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on Wednesday, October 27, 2004, the Committee resumed its study on Citizenship Issues.

It was agreed, — That

Whereas

A motion was moved on December 14, 2004, calling for the establishment of the Refugee Appeal Division or the placing before the Committee of some alternative, without delay,

The Minister promised to respond to that motion by the end of June 2005,

House of Commons will shortly be recessing its present session,

the Committee wishes to invite the Minister to inform us of his decision for the meeting of June 21, 2005.

the Committee resumed consideration of a draft report.

At 12:57 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

William Farrell
Clerk of the Committee

2005/06/16 2:16 p.m.

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Chair: Andrew Telegdi, Lib.

Meeting No. 67

Tuesday, June 21, 2005

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Meeting No. 67

Tuesday, June 21, 2005

The Standing Committee on Citizenship and Immigration met *in camera* at 11:44 a.m. this day, in Room 306 West Block, the Chair, Andrew Telegdi, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: David A. Anderson, Colleen Beaumier, Roger Clavet, Meili Faille, Rahim Jaffer, Bill Siksay, Andrew Telegdi, Lui Temelkovski and Merv Tweed.

Acting Members present: Larry Bagnell for Hedy Fry and Paddy Torsney for Hedy Fry.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Benjamin Dolin, Analyst.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on Wednesday, October 27, 2004, the Committee resumed its study on Citizenship Issues.

The Committee resumed consideration of a draft report.

It was agreed, — That the news releases dated June 7 and 17, 2005 to the Committee pertaining to the 10th Report on Revocation be put up on the Committee's web site.

At 1:07 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

William Farrell
Clerk of the Committee

2005/06/21 2:59 p.m.

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Chair: Andrew Telegdi, Lib.

Meeting No. 68

Thursday, June 23, 2005

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on Wednesday, October 27, 2004, the Committee resumed its study on Citizenship Issues.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Diane Ablonczy
David A. Anderson
Colleen Beaumier
Roger Clavet
Meili Faille
Hedy Fry
Bill Siksay
Andrew Telegdi
Lui Temelkovski
Merv Tweed

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:

Benjamin Dolin, Analyst.

William Farrell
Clerk of the Committee

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Meeting No. 68

Thursday, June 23, 2005

The Standing Committee on Citizenship and Immigration met *in camera* at 11:58 p.m. this day, in Room 209 West Block, the Chair, Andrew Telegdi, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Diane Ablonczy, David A. Anderson, Colleen Beaumier, Roger Clavet, Meili Faille, Hedy Fry, Bill Siksay, Andrew Telegdi, Lui Temelkovski and Merv Tweed.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Benjamin Dolin, Analyst.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on Wednesday, October 27, 2004, the Committee resumed its study on Citizenship Issues.

It was agreed, — That the Chair request from the House of Commons a thirty-day extension to study C-283.

The Committee resumed consideration of a draft report.

At 1:10 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

William Farrell
Clerk of the Committee

2005/06/28 9:53 a.m.

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Chair: Andrew Telegdi, Lib.

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Meeting No. 69

Tuesday, June 28, 2005

The Standing Committee on Citizenship and Immigration met at 11:07 a.m. this day, in Room 308 West Block, the Chair, Andrew Telegdi, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Diane Ablonczy, David A. Anderson, Colleen Beaumier, Roger Clavet, Meili Faille, Hedy Fry, Rahim Jaffer, Inky Mark, Bill Siksay, Andrew Telegdi and Lui Temelkovski.

Other Members present: Borys Wrzesnewskyj.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Benjamin Dolin, Analyst.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on Wednesday, October 27, 2004, the Committee resumed its study on Citizenship Issues.

Inky Mark moved, — That the Standing Committee on Citizenship and Immigration request the Auditor General of Canada to conduct a full examination of procedures regarding the granting of Temporary Resident Permits by the Minister of Citizenship and Immigration and to report her findings to parliament in the appropriate manner..

After debate, the question was put on the motion and it was agreed to.

Bill Siksay moved, — That the Chair be authorized to release the Committee's Report and recommendations to the Minister and that the Chair and analyst be authorized to make such grammatical and editorial changes as may be necessary without changing the substance of the report.

After debate, the question was put on the motion and it was agreed to.

At 11:45 a.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 11:48 a.m., the sitting resumed in camera.

The Committee resumed consideration of a draft report.

At 1:07 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

William Farrell
Clerk of the Committee

2005/06/29 12:13 p.m.

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Meeting No. 70

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Meeting No. 70

Tuesday, October 4, 2005

The Standing Committee on Citizenship and Immigration met *in camera* at 3:31 p.m. this day, in Room 209, West Block, the Chair, Andrew Telegdi, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Diane Ablonczy, Hon. David A. Anderson, Roger Clavet, Meili Faille, Hon. Hedy Fry, Bill Siksay and Hon. Andrew Telegdi.

Acting Members present: Nina Grewal for Rahim Jaffer and Borys Wrzesnewskyj for Colleen Beaumier.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Benjamin Dolin, Analyst.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

The Committee commenced consideration of a draft report.

It was agreed, — That the report be entitled: Updating Canada's Citizenship Laws : It's time.

It was agreed, — That the draft report, as amended, be adopted.

It was agreed, — That the Committee append to its report supplementary or dissenting opinions provided that it is no more than 3 pages in length and submitted electronically in both official languages to the Clerk of the Committee, no later than 3:00 p.m., on Wednesday, October 5, 2005.

It was agreed, — That the Chair present the report to the House..

It was agreed, — That the Chair, Clerk and Analyst be authorized to make such grammatical and editorial changes as may be necessary without changing the substance of the report.

It was agreed, — That the Committee print 550 copies of its report in a bilingual format.

The Chair presented the Fourth Report from the Subcommittee on Agenda and Procedure which read as follows:

It was agreed, - That the Committee invite Departmental Officials on Thursday, October 6, 2005 to update the Committee on the following:

- Refugee Numbers
- Safe Third Country Agreement – (what stats are there and what monitoring agreement was finally reached with the UNHCR)
- Processing of Lost Canadians and status of their children
- Processing of Viet-Phi
- Plan for people without status
- Plan for reuniting grandparents
- War brides update

- Why the 1 % Immigration levels have not been met – Information on the process for setting immigration target numbers

- Any labour market studies undertaken for specific professions (e.g. engineers) as part of the foreign credential recognition efforts

- Bill C-283: if CIC accepts sureties in Canada in some situations why would it be administratively burdensome to do the same at visa posts overseas?

- The Refugee Appeal Division (RAD) (a response to Madame Faillie's motion)

It was agreed, - That on October 18 and 20, 2005, the Committee work on a draft report on Family Reunification

It was agreed, - That on October 25 and 27, 2005, the Committee hear witnesses and Clause by Clause of C-28

It was agreed, - That the Committee invite the Minister to appear on November 1, 2005, to speak on the Departmental Supplementary Estimates

It was agreed, - That on November 3, 2005, the Committee commence their study on the Citizenship Bill – if the Bill is tabled, and if not, commence work on a draft report on Recognition of the International Experience and Credentials of Immigrants

By unanimous consent, it was agreed, — That the report of the Subcommittee be concurred in.

At 3:39 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

William Farrell
Clerk of the Committee

2005/10/05 8:18 a.m.

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38th PARLIAMENT, 1st SESSION

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS
STANDING COMMITTEE ON CITIZENSHIP AND
IMMIGRATION

Chair: Hon. Andrew Telegdi, Lib.

Meeting No. 71

Thursday, October 6, 2005

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee proceeded to issues related to Citizenship and Immigration.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Colleen Beaumier
Roger Clavet
Meili Faille,
Hon. Hedy Fry
Bill Siksay
Hon. Andrew Telegdi
Lui Temelkovski
Merv Tweed

ACTING MEMBER PRESENT:

Leon Benoit for Diane Ablonczy.

IN ATTENDANCE:

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Benjamin Dolin, Analyst.



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Meeting No. 71

Thursday, October 6, 2005

The Standing Committee on Citizenship and Immigration met at 3:40 p.m. this day, in Room 209, West Block, the Chair, Andrew Telegdi, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Colleen Beaumier, Roger Clavet, Meili Faille, Hon. Hedy Fry, Bill Siksai, Hon. Andrew Telegdi, Lui Temelkovski and Merv Tweed.

Acting Members present: Leon Benoit for Diane Ablonczy.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Benjamin Dolin, Analyst.

Witnesses: Department of Citizenship and Immigration: Malcolm Brown, Assistant Deputy Minister, Strategic Directions and Communications; Dick Graham, Acting Director, Asylum; Janet Siddall, Acting Assistant Deputy Minister, Operations.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee proceeded to issues related to Citizenship and Immigration.

Malcolm Brown and Janet Siddall made a statement and, with Dick Graham, answered questions.

At 5:30 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

William Farrell
Clerk of the Committee

2005/10/14 8:40 a.m.

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WITNESSES:

Department of Citizenship and Immigration:

Malcolm Brown, Assistant Deputy Minister, Strategic Directions
and Communications;

Dick Graham, Acting Director, Asylum;

Janet Siddall, Acting Assistant Deputy Minister, Operations.

Malcolm Brown and Janet Siddall made a statement and, with Dick Graham, answered questions.

William Farrell
Clerk of the Committee

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IMMIGRATION

Chair: Andrew Telegdi, Lib.

Meeting No. 72

Tuesday, October 18, 2005

ORDER OF THE DAY:

The Clerk of the Committee presided over the election of a Chair.

Pursuant to Standing Order 106(2), the Committee proceeded to the election of [a] Vice-Chair[s].

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Diane Ablonczy,
Hon. David A. Anderson,
Roger Clavet,
Meili Faille,
Hon. Hedy Fry,
Nina Grewal,
Art Hanger,
Rahim Jaffer,
Bill Siksay,
Hon. Andrew Telegdi
and Lui Temelkovski.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:
Benjamin Dolin, Analyst.

William Farrell
Clerk of the Committee



MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 72

Tuesday, October 18, 2005

The Standing Committee on Citizenship and Immigration met at 3:30 p.m. this day, in Room 536, Wellington Building, for the purpose of electing a Chair, pursuant to Standing Order 106(1).

Members of the Committee present: Diane Ablonczy, Hon. David A. Anderson, Roger Clavet, Meili Faille, Hon. Hedy Fry, Nina Grewal, Art Hanger, Rahim Jaffer, Bill Siksay, Hon. Andrew Telegdi and Lui Temelkovski.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Benjamin Dolin, Analyst.

The Clerk of the Committee presided over the election of a Chair.

On motion of Lui Temelkovski, it was agreed, — That Andrew Telegdi be elected Chair of the Committee.

The Clerk of the Committee presided over the election of Vice-Chairs.

On motion of Diane Ablonczy, it was agreed, — That Art Hanger be elected first Vice-Chair of the Committee.

On motion of Bill Siksay, it was agreed, — That Meili Faille be elected second Vice-Chair of the Committee.

Andrew Telegdi took the Chair.

Lui Temelkovski moved, - That the decision taken by the Committee on Tuesday, October 4, 2005, with respect to the Committee's upcoming meetings be rescinded and that the following schedule be adopted:

1. That on October 20, 25, 27 and November 3, 2005 (if needed), the Committee work on a draft report on family reunification;
2. That the Committee invite the Minister to appear on November 1, 2005, to speak on the Departmental Supplementary Estimates;
3. That on November 15 and 17, 2005, the Committee hear witnesses and commence clause-by-clause consideration of Bill C-283;
4. That on November 22, 2005, the Committee commence work on either a draft report on the recognition of the international experience and credentials of immigrants or a new Citizenship Bill.

After debate, the motion was allowed to stand.

At 3:45 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

William Farrell
Clerk of the Committee

2005/10/20 9:03 a.m.

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IMMIGRATION

Chair: Andrew Telegdi, Lib.

Meeting No. 73

Thursday, October 20, 2005

IN CAMERA

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 73

Thursday, October 20, 2005

The Standing Committee on Citizenship and Immigration met *in camera* at 3:44 p.m. this day, in Room 536, Wellington Building, the Chair, Andrew Telegdi, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Diane Ablonczy, Hon. David A. Anderson, Roger Clavet, Meili Faille, Hon. Hedy Fry, Nina Grewal, Rahim Jaffer, Bill Siksay, Hon. Andrew Telegdi and Lui Temelkovski.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Benjamin Dolin, Analyst.

The Chair presented the Fifth Report from the Subcommittee on Agenda and Procedure which read as follows:

It was agreed, - That the Chair be instructed to write to Minister Volpe on behalf of the Committee reiterating the Committee's concern regarding the delay in tabling a new Citizenship Act in Parliament

It was agreed, - That the motion of Lui Temelkovski which was stood on Tuesday, October 18, 2005 in regards to the Committee's revised schedule be adopted.

That the decision taken by the Committee on Tuesday, October 4, 2005, with respect to the Committee's upcoming meetings be rescinded and that the following schedule be adopted:

1. That on October 20, 25, 27 and November 3, 2005 (if needed), the Committee work on a draft report on family reunification;
2. That the Committee invite the Minister to appear on November 1, 2005, to speak on the Departmental Supplementary Estimates;
3. That on November 15 and 17, 2005, the Committee hear witnesses and commence clause-by-Clause of Bill C-283;
4. That on November 22, 2005, the Committee commence work on either a draft the report on recognition of the international experience and credentials of immigrants or a new Citizenship Bill.

It was agreed, — That the report of the Subcommittee be concurred in.

Accordingly the stood motion was carried.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on Wednesday, October 27, 2004, the Committee resumed its study of Family Reunification Issues.

The Committee commenced consideration of a draft report.

At 5:29 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

William Farrell
Clerk of the Committee

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IMMIGRATION

Chair: Andrew Telegdi, Lib.

Meeting No. 74

Tuesday, October 25, 2005

IN CAMERA

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 74

Tuesday, October 25, 2005

The Standing Committee on Citizenship and Immigration met *in camera* at 3:35 p.m. this day, in Room 269, West Block, the Chair, Andrew Telegdi, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Diane Ablonczy, Hon. David A. Anderson, Roger Clavet, Meili Faille, Hon. Hedy Fry, Nina Grewal, Art Hanger, Rahim Jaffer, Bill Siksay, Hon. Andrew Telegdi and Lui Temelkovski.

Acting Members present: Hon. Roger Gallaway for Colleen Beaumier.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Benjamin Dolin, Analyst.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on Wednesday, October 27, 2004, the Committee resumed its study of Family Reunification Issues.

The Committee resumed consideration of a draft report.

It was agreed, — That the Committee meet on November 3, 2005, with Citizenship and Immigration Canada officials present as witnesses to continue the consideration of the draft report on family reunification.

At 5:22 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

William Farrell
Clerk of the Committee

2005/10/28 12:30 p.m.

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Chair: Andrew Telegdi, Lib.

Meeting No. 75

Tuesday, November 1, 2005

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 81(5), the Committee commenced consideration of the Supplementary Estimates (A) 2005-2006: Votes 1a, 5a and 10a under the Department of Citizenship and Immigration Canada referred to the Committee on Thursday, October 27, 2005.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Diane Ablonczy,
Colleen Beaumier,
Meili Faille,
Nina Grewal,
Art Hanger,
Rahim Jaffer,
Bill Siksay,
Hon. Andrew Telegdi
and Lui Temelkovski.

ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

Ken Boshcoff for Hon. Hedy Fry,
Johanne Deschamps for Roger Clavet,
Susan Kadis for Hon. Hedy Fry,
and Alan Tonks for Hon. David A. Anderson.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:
Benjamin Dolin, Analyst.

APPEARING:

Hon. Joseph Volpe, Minister of Citizenship and Immigration.

WITNESSES:

Department of Citizenship and Immigration:
Janice Charette, Deputy Minister;
John McWhinnie, Assistant Deputy Minister, Centralized Service
Delivery and Corporate Services.

William Farrell
Clerk of the Committee



MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 75

Tuesday, November 1, 2005

The Standing Committee on Citizenship and Immigration met in a televised session at 3:34 p.m. this day, in Room 237-C, Centre Block, the Chair, Andrew Telegdi, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Diane Ablonczy, Colleen Beaumier, Meili Faille, Nina Grewal, Art Hanger, Rahim Jaffer, Bill Siksay, Hon. Andrew Telegdi and Lui Temelkovski.

Acting Members present: Ken Boshcoff for Hon. Hedy Fry, Johanne Deschamps for Roger Clavet, Susan Kadis for Hon. Hedy Fry and Alan Tonks for Hon. David A. Anderson.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Benjamin Dolin, Analyst.

Appearing: Hon. Joseph Volpe, Minister of Citizenship and Immigration.

Witnesses: Department of Citizenship and Immigration: Janice Charette, Deputy Minister; John McWhinnie, Assistant Deputy Minister, Centralized Service Delivery and Corporate Services.

Pursuant to Standing Order 81(5), the Committee commenced consideration of the Supplementary Estimates (A) 2005-2006: Votes 1a, 5a and 10a under the Department of Citizenship and Immigration Canada referred to the Committee on Thursday, October 27, 2005.

Hon. Joseph Volpe made a statement and answered questions.

The question: "Shall Vote No. 1a under Citizenship and Immigration carry?" was put and was negated on division.

The question: "Shall Vote No. 5a under Citizenship and Immigration carry?" was put and was negated on division.

The question: "Shall Vote No. 10a under Citizenship and Immigration carry?" was put and was negated on division.

ORDERED - That the Chair report Votes Nos. 1a, 5a and 10a under Citizenship and Immigration to the House

At 5:36 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

William Farrell
Clerk of the Committee

2005/11/03 7:44 a.m.

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Chair: Andrew Telegdi, Lib.

Meeting No. 76

Thursday, November 3, 2005

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on Wednesday, October 27, 2004, the Committee resumed its study of Family Reunification Issues.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Hon. David A. Anderson,
Colleen Beaumier,
Roger Clavet,
Meili Faille,
Art Hanger,
Rahim Jaffer,
Bill Siksay
and Hon. Andrew Telegdi.

ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

Derek Lee for Hon. Hedy Fry,
Rob Moore for Diane Ablonczy,
and Lloyd St. Amand for Lui Temelkovski.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:
Benjamin Dolin, Analyst.

WITNESSES:

Department of Citizenship and Immigration:

Michel Dupuis, Deputy Director, Discretionary Policies and Social Programs, Selection Branch;

Dick Graham, Acting Director, Asylum, Refugees Branch;

Mary-Ann Hubers, Policy Analyst, Family Class, Selection Branch;

Daniel Jean, Assistant Deputy Minister, Policy and Program Development.

Richard Rumas
Committee Clerk

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Meeting No. 76

Thursday, November 3, 2005

The Standing Committee on Citizenship and Immigration met *in camera* at 3:37 p.m. this day, in Room 371, West Block, the Chair, Hon. Andrew Telegdi, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Hon. David A. Anderson, Colleen Beaumier, Roger Clavet, Meili Faille, Art Hanger, Rahim Jaffer, Bill Siksay and Hon. Andrew Telegdi.

Acting Members present: Derek Lee for Hon. Hedy Fry, Rob Moore for Diane Ablonczy and Lloyd St. Amand for Lui Temelkovski.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Benjamin Dolin, Analyst.

Witnesses: Department of Citizenship and Immigration: Michel Dupuis, Deputy Director, Discretionary Policies and Social Programs, Selection Branch; Dick Graham, Acting Director, Asylum, Refugees Branch; Mary-Ann Hubers, Policy Analyst, Family Class, Selection Branch; Daniel Jean, Assistant Deputy Minister, Policy and Program Development.

The Committee received two notices of motion concerning the Supplementary Estimates (A) 2005-2006.

It was agreed, - That the Chair not report the Supplementary Estimates (A) 2005-2006 until the two notices of motion are disposed of at the next sitting of the Committee.

It was agreed, - That the debate from the start of this meeting until 3:58 p.m., be made public and be published.

At 3:58 p.m., the Committee resumed sitting *in camera*.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on Wednesday, October 27, 2004, the Committee resumed its study of Family Reunification Issues.

The Committee resumed consideration of a draft report.

The witnesses answered questions.

At 5:29 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Richard Rumas
Committee Clerk

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Chair: Andrew Telegdi. Lib.

Meeting No. 77

Tuesday, November 15, 2005

ORDER OF THE DAY:

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

Pursuant to Standing Order 81(5), the Committee commenced consideration of the Supplementary Estimates (A) 2005-2006: Votes 1a, 5a and 10a under the Department of Citizenship and Immigration Canada referred to the Committee on Thursday, October 27, 2005.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Diane Ablonczy,
Hon. David A. Anderson,
Colleen Beaumier,
Roger Clavet,
Meili Faille,
Nina Grewal,
Art Hanger,
Rahim Jaffer,
Bill Siksay,
Hon. Andrew Telegdi
and Lui Temelkovski.

ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

Jean-Claude D'Amours for Colleen Beaumier,

and Derek Lee for Hon. Hedy Fry.

IN ATTENDANCE:

House of Commons:

Susan Baldwin, Legislative Clerk.

Library of Parliament:

Benjamin Dolin, Analyst.

APPEARING:

Hon. Joseph Volpe, Minister of Citizenship and Immigration.

WITNESSES:

Department of Citizenship and Immigration:

Janice Charette, Deputy Minister;

John McWhinnie, Assistant Deputy Minister, Centralized Service
Delivery and Corporate Services.

Richard Rumas
Committee Clerk

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Meeting No. 77

Tuesday, November 15, 2005

The Standing Committee on Citizenship and Immigration met at 3:37 p.m. this day, in Room 209, West Block, the Chair, Hon. Andrew Telegdi, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Diane Ablonczy, Hon. David A. Anderson, Colleen Beaumier, Roger Clavet, Meili Faille, Nina Grewal, Art Hanger, Rahim Jaffer, Bill Siksay, Hon. Andrew Telegdi and Lui Temelkovski.

Acting Members present: Jean-Claude D'Amours for Colleen Beaumier and Derek Lee for Hon. Hedy Fry.

In attendance: House of Commons: Susan Baldwin, Legislative Clerk. *Library of Parliament:* Benjamin Dolin, Analyst.

Appearing: Hon. Joseph Volpe, Minister of Citizenship and Immigration.

Witnesses: Department of Citizenship and Immigration: Janice Charette, Deputy Minister; John McWhinnie, Assistant Deputy Minister, Centralized Service Delivery and Corporate Services.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

Derek Lee moved, — That the decisions made by the Standing Committee on Citizenship and Immigration, on November 1st, 2005, on votes 1a, 5a and 10a of Citizenship and Immigration Canada Supplementary Estimates (A) 2005-2006, be rescinded;

That the order to report those decisions to the House of Commons, be discharged;

And that votes 1a, 5a and 10a of Citizenship and Immigration Canada Supplementary Estimates (A) 2005-2006 be reconsidered by the Committee.

After debate, the question was put on the motion and it was agreed to.

On motion of Rahim Jaffer, it was agreed, — The Minister of Citizenship and Immigration, The Honorable Joe Volpe, be invited to return immediately before the Standing Committee on Citizenship and Immigration for more questioning by committee members in order that they may have the benefit of receiving serious and detailed answers to their questions regarding the Supplementary Estimates 2005-2006.

Pursuant to Standing Order 81(5), the Committee resumed consideration of the Supplementary Estimates (A) 2005-2006: Votes 1a, 5a and 10a under the Department of Citizenship and Immigration Canada referred to the Committee on Thursday, October 27, 2005.

The Minister and witnesses answered questions.

Vote 1a under the Department of Citizenship and Immigration Canada carried.

Vote 5a under the Department of Citizenship and Immigration Canada carried..

Vote 10a under the Department of Citizenship and Immigration Canada carried.

ORDERED, — That the Chair report Votes numbers 1a, 5a and 10a, under the Department of Citizenship and Immigration Canada to the House.

Bill Siksay gave notice of two motions.

At 5:21 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Richard Rumas
Committee Clerk

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IMMIGRATION

Chair: Andrew Telegdi. Lib.

Meeting No. 78

Thursday, November 17, 2005

ORDER OF THE DAY:

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

Pursuant to the Order of Reference of Wednesday, March 9, 2005, the Committee commenced consideration of Bill C-283, An Act to amend the Immigration and Refugee Protection Act and the Immigration and Refugee Protection Regulations.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Diane Ablonczy,
Hon. David A. Anderson,
Roger Clavet,
Meili Faille,
Nina Grewal,
Rahim Jaffer,
Bill Siksay,
Hon. Andrew Telegdi
and Lui Temelkovski.

ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

Hon. Sue Barnes for Hon. Hedy Fry,
Colin Carrie for Art Hanger,
Rodger Cuzner for Colleen Beaumier,
and Hon. Keith Martin for Hon. David A. Anderson.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:

Benjamin Dolin, Analyst.

House of Commons:

Susan Baldwin, Legislative Clerk.

WITNESSES:

Department of Citizenship and Immigration:

Neil Cochrane, Director, Legislative and Regulatory Policy,
Admissibility Branch;

Daniel Jean, Assistant Deputy Minister, Policy and Program
Development.

Department of Justice:

Paul Yurack, Counsel, Legal Services.

House of Commons:

Gurmant Grewal, Newton—North Delta.

William Farrell
Clerk of the Committee

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Meeting No. 78

Thursday, November 17, 2005

The Standing Committee on Citizenship and Immigration met at 3:35 p.m. this day, in Room 308, West Block, the Chair, Hon. Andrew Telegdi, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Diane Ablonczy, Hon. David A. Anderson, Roger Clavet, Meili Faille, Nina Grewal, Rahim Jaffer, Bill Siksay, Hon. Andrew Telegdi and Lui Temelkovski.

Acting Members present: Hon. Sue Barnes for Hon. Hedy Fry, Colin Carrie for Art Hanger, Rodger Cuzner for Colleen Beaumier and Hon. Keith Martin for Hon. David A. Anderson.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Benjamin Dolin, Analyst. *House of Commons:* Susan Baldwin, Legislative Clerk.

Witnesses: Department of Citizenship and Immigration: Neil Cochrane, Director, Legislative and Regulatory Policy, Admissibility Branch; Daniel Jean, Assistant Deputy Minister, Policy and Program Development. *Department of Justice:* Paul Yurack, Counsel, Legal Services. *House of Commons:* Gurmant Grewal, Newton—North Delta.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

By unanimous consent, Sue Barnes moved, — That the motion of Hedy Fry be stood, after debate the question being put on the motion, it was agreed to.

Bill Siksay moved, — That the Standing Committee on Citizenship and Immigration ask Canada Post to issue a series of commemorative postage stamps marking significant refugee movements to Canada, that their series begin by making the 50th Anniversary of the arrival of Hungarian refugee movements including but not limited to those refugees from Uganda, Vietnam, Indo China and the former Yugoslavia to be considered.

Debate arose thereon.

Lui Temelkovski moved, — That the motion be amended by striking the words “former Yugoslavia” and adding Croatia, Bosnia, Herzegovina, Slovenia, Yugoslavia and Macedonia

After debate, the question being put on the amendment, it was agreed to.

The question being put on the motion as amended, it was agreed to.

Pursuant to the Order of Reference of Wednesday, March 9, 2005, the Committee resumed consideration of Bill C-283, An Act to amend the Immigration and Refugee Protection Act and the Immigration and Refugee Protection Regulations.

The witnesses made statements and answered questions.

By unanimous consent, the Committee reverted to the stood motion of Sue Barnes.

Considering that testimony before this committee suggests that Bill C-283, an Act to amend the Immigration and Refugee Protection Act and the Regulations made under that Act to provide for the sponsorship of foreign nationals who apply for temporary resident visas as members of the visitor class, will not have the desired effect of facilitating visits to Canada for several reasons:

- the proposed restrictions on sponsored visitors remaining in Canada would be inconsistent with legal obligations under IRPA, including assessing a person's risk prior to removal and allowing a person to remain in Canada where it is justified by humanitarian and compassionate considerations;
- the existence of a bond is unlikely to be an effective compliance mechanism;
- the process of approving a bond will prevent timely decision making;
- the approval of a bond is unlikely to change the visa officer decision or significantly improve approval rates;
- that overall client satisfaction will not be improved;
- a visitor sponsorship program could be vulnerable to abuse by organized crime, including human trafficking and people smuggling;

and considering that the department has, since the committee began consideration of this Bill, issued instructions to visa officers to ensure that applications involving visits for compelling family reasons are given all due consideration and that where such applications are refused, officers are to assess whether a Temporary Resident Permit is appropriate.

Therefore, be it resolved that this Committee, pursuant to Standing Order 97.1, recommends that the House of Commons do not proceed further with Bill C-283, an Act to amend the Immigration and Refugee Protection Act and the Regulations made under that Act to provide for the sponsorship of foreign nationals who apply for temporary resident visas as members of the visitor class.

Debate arose thereon.

On motion of Bill Siksay, it was agreed, — That the motion be amended by adding after the word “smuggling”; the following:

families with low income may be unable to access this type of remedy;

That the motion be further amended by adding after the word “appropriate” the following:

“and considering that the committee commends the member sponsoring Bill C-283 for raising an important issue in a helpful fashion, it commits to continue to seek ways to monitor this situation and address the problems related to the refusal of temporary resident visas”.

The question being put on the motion as amended, it was agreed to.

Ordered — That the Chair present Bill C-283 to the House.

On motion of Bill Siksay, it was agreed, — That, the Committee calls on the government to immediately consider new, streamlined, and automatic measures for the urgent expedition of humanitarian and compassionate re-consideration of refusals of temporary resident visas when the potential visitor was invited by a Canadian, or permanent resident, or person with other status in Canada, to visit for the purpose of attending a family wedding, a family funeral, the birth of a relative's child, or attending to a relative who is seriously or terminally ill and:

(a) that consideration in these specific instances tend to the permissive as opposed to the restrictive while giving appropriate attention to security and health issues;

(b) that in such cases, the definition of family be broadly interpreted, recognizing the many configurations of Canadian families;

(c) that the review be conducted by a senior departmental official other than the officer who made the original decision;

(d) that the government consider using all possible mechanisms in the Immigration and Refugee Protection Act to ensure compliance with any temporary resident permit issued under these circumstances and that any new measures required to successfully engage this policy be introduced in regulations or brought before the House of Commons.

Ordered, — That the adopted motions of Bill Siksay, be reports of the Committee and that the Chair present the reports to the House.

At 5:20 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

William Farrell
Clerk of the Committee

2005/11/18 3:31 p.m.

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Chair: Andrew Telegdi, Lib.

Meeting No. 79

Tuesday, November 22, 2005

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee commenced a pre-study of Bills C-76 An Act to amend the Citizenship Act (adoption) and Bill-77 An Act to amend the Citizenship Act (prohibitions).

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Diane Ablonczy,
Colleen Beaumier,
Meili Faille,
Nina Grewal,
Art Hanger,
Rahim Jaffer,
Bill Siksay,
Hon. Andrew Telegdi
and Lui Temelkovski.

ACTING MEMBER PRESENT:

Guy Côté for Roger Clavet.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:
Benjamin Dolin, Analyst.

WITNESSES:

Department of Citizenship and Immigration:

Mark Davidson, Director and Registrar, Canadian Citizenship;

Daniel Jean, Assistant Deputy Minister, Policy and Program
Development;

Rose Kattackal, Director General, Integration Branch;

Alain Laurencelle, Counsel, Integration and Admissibility Team,
Legal Services.

William Farrell
Clerk of the Committee



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Meeting No. 79

Tuesday, November 22, 2005

The Standing Committee on Citizenship and Immigration met at 3:33 p.m. this day, in Room 209, West Block, the Chair, Hon. Andrew Telegdi, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Diane Ablonczy, Colleen Beaumier, Meili Faille, Nina Grewal, Art Hanger, Rahim Jaffer, Bill Siksay, Hon. Andrew Telegdi and Lui Temelkovski.

Acting Members present: Guy Côté for Roger Clavet.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Benjamin Dolin, Analyst.

Witnesses: Department of Citizenship and Immigration: Mark Davidson, Director and Registrar, Canadian Citizenship; Daniel Jean, Assistant Deputy Minister, Policy and Program Development; Rose Kattackal, Director General, Integration Branch; Alain Laurencelle, Counsel, Integration and Admissibility Team, Legal Services.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee commenced a pre-study of Bills C-76 An Act to amend the Citizenship Act (adoption) and Bill-77 An Act to amend the Citizenship Act (prohibitions).

Pre-study on Bill C-76, An Act to amend the Citizenship Act (adoption)

Mark Davidson made a statement, and with Daniel Jean and Alain Laurencelle, answered questions.

Pre-study on Bill C-77, An Act to amend the Citizenship Act (prohibitions)

Mark Davidson made a statement, and with Daniel Jean and Alain Laurencelle, answered questions.

At 5:10 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

William Farrell
Clerk of the Committee

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39th PARLIAMENT, 1st SESSION

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS
STANDING COMMITTEE ON CITIZENSHIP AND
IMMIGRATION

Chair: Norman Doyle.

Meeting No. 1

Wednesday, May 3, 2006

ORDER OF THE DAY:

The Clerk of the Committee presided over the election of a Chair.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Johanne Deschamps,
Barry Devolin,
Norman Doyle,
Meili Faille,
Nina Grewal,
Hon. Albina Guarnieri,
Rahim Jaffer,
Ed Komarnicki,
Bill Siksay
and Hon. Andrew Telegdi.

OTHER PARTICIPANTS PRESENT:

House of Commons:
James Latimer, Committee Clerk.



William Farrell
Clerk of the Committee

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Meeting No. 1

Wednesday, May 3, 2006

The Standing Committee on Citizenship and Immigration met at 3:35 p.m. this day, in Room 209, West Block, for the purpose of electing a Chair, pursuant to Standing Order 106(1).

Members of the Committee present: Johanne Deschamps, Barry Devolin, Norman Doyle, Meili Faille, Nina Grewal, Hon. Albina Guarnieri, Rahim Jaffer, Ed Komarnicki, Bill Siksay and Hon. Andrew Telegdi.

Other Participants present: House of Commons: James Latimer, Committee Clerk.

The Clerk of the Committee presided over the election of a Chair.

On motion of Rahim Jaffer, it was agreed, — That Norman Doyle be elected Chair of the Committee.

The Clerk of the Committee presided over the election of the Vice-Chairs.

On motion of Albina Guarnieri, it was agreed, — That the Hon. Andrew Telegdi be elected Official Opposition Vice-Chair of the Committee.

On motion of Johanne Deschamps, it was agreed, — That Meili Faille be elected Opposition Vice-Chair of the Committee.

Norman Doyle took the Chair.

The Members made statements.

At 3:45 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

William Farrell
Clerk of the Committee

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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

**STANDING COMMITTEE ON CITIZENSHIP AND
IMMIGRATION**

Chair: Norman Doyle.

Meeting No. 2

Monday, May 8, 2006

ORDER OF THE DAY:

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Johanne Deschamps,
Barry Devolin,
Norman Doyle,
Meili Faille,
Hon. Albina Guarnieri,
Ed Komarnicki,
Bill Siksay,
Hon. Andrew Telegdi
and Blair Wilson.

ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

Randy Kamp for Nina Grewal,
and Lui Temelkovski for Hon. Jim Karygiannis.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:

Benjamin Dolin, Analyst;
Jennifer Wispinski, Analyst;
Margaret Young, Analyst.

William Farrell
Clerk of the Committee

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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 2

Monday, May 8, 2006

The Standing Committee on Citizenship and Immigration met at 3:30 p.m. this day, in Room 536, Wellington Building, the Chair, Norman Doyle, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Johanne Deschamps, Barry Devolin, Norman Doyle, Meili Faille, Hon. Albina Guarnieri, Ed Komarnicki, Bill Siksay, Hon. Andrew Telegdi and Blair Wilson.

Acting Members present: Randy Kamp for Nina Grewal and Lui Temelkovski for Hon. Jim Karygiannis.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Benjamin Dolin, Analyst; Jennifer Wispinski, Analyst; Margaret Young, Analyst.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

On motion of Bill Siksay, it was agreed, — That the Committee retain, as needed and at the discretion of the Chair, the services of one or more analysts from the Library of Parliament to assist it in its work.

On motion of Lui Temelkovski, it was agreed, — That the Subcommittee on Agenda and Procedure be composed of the Chair, the two Vice-Chairs and a member of the other opposition party.

On motion of Blair Wilson, it was agreed, — That, if requested, reasonable travel, accommodation and living expenses be reimbursed to witnesses not exceeding two representatives per organization; and that, in exceptional circumstances, payment for more representatives be made at the discretion of the Chair.

On motion of Bill Siksay, it was agreed, — That the Chair be authorized to hold meetings to receive evidence and to have that evidence printed when a quorum is not present, provided that three members are present, including one member of the opposition.

On motion of Johanne Deschamps, it was agreed, — That the Clerk of the Committee be authorized to distribute to the members of the Committee documents and only when they exist in both official languages and that witnesses be advised accordingly.

On motion of Ed Komarnicki, it was agreed, — That the Clerk of the Committee be authorized to make the necessary arrangements to provide working meals for the Committee and its subcommittees.

On motion of Johanne Deschamps, it was agreed, — That, unless otherwise ordered, each Committee member be allowed to be accompanied by one staff person at an in camera meeting.

On motion of Lui Temelkovski, it was agreed, — That one copy of the transcript of each in camera meeting be kept in the Committee Clerk's office for consultation by members of the Committee.

On motion of Bill Siksay, it was agreed, — That 48 hours' notice be required for any substantive motion to be considered by the Committee, unless the substantive motion relates directly to business then under consideration; and that the notice of motion be filed with the Clerk of the Committee and

distributed to members in both official languages.

On motion of Johanne Deschamps, it was agreed, — That when the Chair and Vice-Chairs are unable to act in that capacity at or during a meeting of the Committee, the Chair shall designate a member of the Committee to act as Chair at or during the said meeting and such an acting Chair shall be vested with all the powers of the Chair at or during the said meeting.

Lui Temelkovski moved, — That whenever an Order in Council appointment is referred to the Committee, the Clerk obtain and circulate to each member of the Committee a copy of the said appointment with the appointee's curriculum vitae.

By unanimous consent, the motion was allowed to stand.

On motion of Bill Siksay, it was agreed, — That witnesses from an organization be given ten (10) minutes to make their opening statement; and that, at the discretion of the Chair, during the questioning of witnesses, there be allocated seven (7) minutes for the first questioner of each party and that thereafter five (5) minutes be allocated to each subsequent questioner (alternating between Government and Opposition parties) until all Members have had a chance to participate, after which, if time permits a new round will commence.

On motion of Bill Siksay, it was agreed, — That, whenever the Main Estimates or the Supplementary Estimates are tabled in the House, the Committee invite the Minister and appropriate senior officials to appear at a televised meeting of the Committee, if possible.

On motion of Lui Temelkovski, it was agreed, — That whenever a chapter of a Report of the Auditor General refers to a subject under the mandate of the Committee, the Committee invite the Office of the Auditor General of Canada and any appropriate senior officials to appear at a televised meeting of the Committee, if possible.

By unanimous consent, it was agreed, — That the Minister be invited on Wednesday, May 10, 2006 to give his vision on the Department of Citizenship and Immigration Canada.

By unanimous consent, it was agreed, — That the Committee hold a future business meeting on Monday, May 15, 2006.

By unanimous consent, it was agreed, — That officials from the Department of Citizenship and Immigration Canada be invited on Wednesday, May 17, 2006, to give an overview of the Department.

By unanimous consent, it was agreed, — That the Chair from the Immigration Refugee Board be invited on Monday, May 29, 2006 for one hour, to give an overview of the Board.

By unanimous consent, it was agreed, — To invite representatives from the United Nations Commission on Human Rights on Monday, May 29, 2006 for one hour, to give the Committee an update on the Safe Third Country Agreement.

At 3:50 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

William Farrell
Clerk of the Committee

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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS
STANDING COMMITTEE ON CITIZENSHIP AND
IMMIGRATION

Chair: Norman Doyle, CPC

Meeting No. 3

Wednesday, May 10, 2006

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on Monday, May 8, 2006, the Committee commenced its study Minister's Vision for Citizenship and Immigration.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Johanne Deschamps,
Barry Devolin,
Norman Doyle,
Meili Faille,
Nina Grewal,
Hon. Albina Guarnieri,
Rahim Jaffer,
Ed Komarnicki,
Bill Siksay,
Hon. Andrew Telegdi
and Blair Wilson.

ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

Borys Wrzesnewskyj for Hon. Albina Guarnieri.

OTHER MEMBERS PRESENT:

Borys Wrzesnewskyj.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:

Benjamin Dolin, Analyst;
Margaret Young, Analyst;
Jennifer Wispinski, Analyst.

APPEARING:

Hon. Monte Solberg, Minister of Citizenship and Immigration.

WITNESSES:

Department of Citizenship and Immigration:

Janice Charette, Deputy Minister.

William Farrell
Clerk of the Committee

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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 3

Wednesday, May 10, 2006

The Standing Committee on Citizenship and Immigration met in a televised session at 3:35 p.m. this day, in Room 237-C, Centre Block, the Chair, Norman Doyle, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Johanne Deschamps, Barry Devolin, Norman Doyle, Meili Faille, Nina Grewal, Hon. Albina Guarnieri, Rahim Jaffer, Ed Komarnicki, Bill Siksay, Hon. Andrew Telegdi and Blair Wilson.

Acting Members present: Borys Wrzesnewskyj for Hon. Albina Guarnieri.

Other Members present: Borys Wrzesnewskyj.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Benjamin Dolin, Analyst; Margaret Young, Analyst; Jennifer Wispinski, Analyst.

Appearing: Hon. Monte Solberg, Minister of Citizenship and Immigration.

Witnesses: Department of Citizenship and Immigration: Janice Charette, Deputy Minister.

By unanimous consent, it was agreed, — That the Committee meet informally on Wednesday, May 17, 2006 from 5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. with the European Commission's Director General for Freedom, Justice and Security, Jonathan Faull, and his delegation.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on Monday, May 8, 2006, the Committee commenced its study Minister's Vision for Citizenship and Immigration.

The Minister made a statement and answered questions.

Bill Siksay gave notice of the following motion:

- 1) That the government of Canada develop skills and competence-related criteria for all government appointments, including Board Members and senior Officers of Crown Corporations and other government agencies, for which the Standing Committee has reviewing responsibility; and that these criteria specifically address the non-partisan nature of these appointments.
- 2) That the government then submit these criteria to the Standing Committee for consideration, and approval with amendment if necessary.
- 3) That the Government of Canada then publicly release, including publishing in the Canada Gazette, the committee-approved criteria for each appointment.
- 4) That the names and background of each nominee for appointment be referred to the Standing Committee prior to the date of their appointment, with an explanation of how each nominee has met the established criteria; and, that the Committee, unless it unanimously decides otherwise, shall have at least

one full meeting every two months (while the House of Commons is in session) to review the nominees.

At 5:31 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

William Farrell
Clerk of the Committee

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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS
STANDING COMMITTEE ON CITIZENSHIP AND
IMMIGRATION

Chair: Norman Doyle.

Meeting No. 4

Monday, May 15, 2006

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee commenced its pre-study of Bill C-14 An Act to amend the Citizenship Act (adoption).

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Johanne Deschamps,
Barry Devolin,
Norman Doyle,
Meili Faille,
Nina Grewal,
Hon. Albina Guarnieri,
Ed Komarnicki,
Bill Siksay,
Hon. Andrew Telegdi
and Blair Wilson.

ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

Hon. Jim Peterson for Hon. Jim Karygiannis.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:

Jennifer Wispinski, Analyst;
Margaret Young, Analyst.

WITNESSES:

Department of Citizenship and Immigration:

Mark Davidson, Director, Citizenship (Registrar);
Margaret Dritsas, Nationality Law Advisor;
Ann Heathcote, Senior Citizenship Policy Advisor.

William Farrell
Clerk of the Committee

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Meeting No. 4

Monday, May 15, 2006

The Standing Committee on Citizenship and Immigration met at 3:32 p.m. this day, in Room 209, West Block, the Chair, Norman Doyle, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Johanne Deschamps, Barry Devolin, Norman Doyle, Meili Faille, Nina Grewal, Hon. Albina Guarnieri, Ed Komarnicki, Bill Siksay, Hon. Andrew Telegdi and Blair Wilson.

Acting Members present: Hon. Jim Peterson for Hon. Jim Karygiannis.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Jennifer Wispinski, Analyst; Margaret Young, Analyst.

Witnesses: Department of Citizenship and Immigration: Mark Davidson, Director, Citizenship (Registrar); Margaret Dritsas, Nationality Law Advisor; Ann Heathcote, Senior Citizenship Policy Advisor.

It was agreed, — That the Committee proceed to sit in public.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee commenced its pre-study of Bill C-14 An Act to amend the Citizenship Act (adoption).

Mark Davidson made a statement and answered questions.

At 3:47 p.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 3:48 p.m., the sitting resumed.

By unanimous consent, it was agreed, — That the committee reverted to stood motion of Lui Temelkoski.

That whenever an Order in Council appointment is referred to the Committee, the Clerk obtain and circulate to each member of the Committee a copy of the said appointment with the appointee's curriculum vitae.

By unanimous consent, it was agreed to.

Bill Siksay moved, — 1) That the government of Canada develop skills and competence-related criteria for all government appointments, including Board Members and senior Officers of Crown Corporations and other government agencies, for which the Standing Committee has reviewing responsibility; and that these criteria specifically address the non-partisan nature of these appointments.

2) That the government then submit these criteria to the Standing Committee for consideration, and approval with amendment if necessary.

3) That the Government of Canada then publicly release, including publishing in the Canada Gazette, the committee-approved criteria for each appointment.

4) That the names and background of each nominee for appointment be referred to the Standing Committee prior to the date of their appointment, with an explanation of how each nominee has met the established criteria; and, that the Committee, unless it unanimously decides otherwise, shall have at least one full meeting every two months (while the House of Commons is in session) to review the nominees.

Debate arose thereon.

Ed Komarnicki moved, — That the motion be amended in paragraph 2 by striking out all the words after the word “consideration”.

After debate, the question was put on the amendment of Ed Komarnicki and it was negatived.

After debate, the question was put on the motion and it was agreed to.

By unanimous consent, it was agreed, — That the motion as adopted, be a report of the Committee and that the Chair present the report to the House.

Blair Wilson moved, — That witnesses from an organization be given ten (10) minutes to make their opening statement; and that, at the discretion of the Chair, during the questioning of witnesses, there be allocated seven (7) minutes for the first questioner of each party and that thereafter five (5) minutes be allocated to each subsequent questioner of each party until all Members have had a chance to participate, after which, if time permits a new round will commence.

After debate, the question was put on the motion and it was agreed to.

By unanimous consent, it was agreed, — That the Committee adopt the following workplan:

May 29 (3:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.) - Overview of the Immigration Refugee Board

May 29 (4:30 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.)- Overview of UNHCR (United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees)

May 31 (3:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.) - SOS Viet-Phi (Stateless Vietnamese in the Philippines)

May 31 (4:30 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.)- Falun Dafa Association (Refugee Protection of Falun Gong Practitioners)

June 5 (3:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.) - Canadian Bar Association (C-14 Adoption Bill)

June 7 (3:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.) - CIC Minister (Main Estimates)

June 12 (3:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.) - Briefing by Department (C-14 Adoption Bill)

June 19 (3:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.) - Auditor General (Updates of May 2003 Status Report Chapter 3, April 2000 Report Chapter 3; and April 2003 Report, Chapter 5).

At 4:12 p.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 4:18, the sitting resumed *in camera*.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

At 4:40 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

William Farrell
Clerk of the Committee

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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

**STANDING COMMITTEE ON CITIZENSHIP AND
IMMIGRATION**

Chair: Norman Doyle, CPC

Meeting No. 5

Wednesday, May 17, 2006

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee proceeded to a briefing session on Citizenship and Immigration Canada - Departmental Overview.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Johanne Deschamps,
Barry Devolin,
Norman Doyle,
Meili Faille,
Nina Grewal,
Hon. Albina Guarnieri,
Hon. Jim Karygiannis,
Ed Komarnicki,
Bill Siksay,
Hon. Andrew Telegdi
and Blair Wilson.

ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

Borys Wrzesnewskyj for Hon. Jim Karygiannis.

OTHER MEMBERS PRESENT:

Don H. Bell.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:

Jennifer Wispinski, Analyst.

WITNESSES:

Department of Citizenship and Immigration:

Daniel Jean, Associate Deputy Minister, Operations;

Janet Siddall, Associate Assistant Deputy Minister, Operations.

Canada Border Services Agency:

Claudette Deschênes, Vice-President, Enforcement Branch.

Daniel Jean and Claudette Deschênes made statements and, with Janet Siddall, answered questions.

William Farrell
Clerk of the Committee

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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 5

Wednesday, May 17, 2006

The Standing Committee on Citizenship and Immigration met at 3:30 p.m. this day, in Room 209, West Block, the Chair, Norman Doyle, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Johanne Deschamps, Barry Devolin, Norman Doyle, Meili Faille, Nina Grewal, Hon. Albina Guarnieri, Hon. Jim Karygiannis, Ed Komarnicki, Bill Siksay, Hon. Andrew Telegdi and Blair Wilson.

Acting Members present: Borys Wrzesnewskyj for Hon. Jim Karygiannis.

Other Members present: Don H. Bell.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Jennifer Wispinski, Analyst.

Witnesses: Department of Citizenship and Immigration: Daniel Jean, Associate Deputy Minister, Operations; Janet Siddall, Associate Assistant Deputy Minister, Operations. *Canada Border Services Agency:* Claudette Deschênes, Vice-President, Enforcement Branch.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee proceeded to a briefing session on Citizenship and Immigration Canada - Departmental Overview.

Daniel Jean and Claudette Deschênes made statements and, with Janet Siddall, answered questions.

At 5:24 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

William Farrell
Clerk of the Committee

2006/05/18 9:50 a.m.

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STANDING COMMITTEE ON CITIZENSHIP AND
IMMIGRATION

Chair: Norman Doyle, CPC

Meeting No. 6

Wednesday, May 17, 2006

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee met with representatives of the delegation from the European Commission for Freedom, Justice and Security.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Johanne Deschamps,
Norman Doyle,
Meili Faille,
Hon. Albina Guarnieri,
Rahim Jaffer,
Ed Komarnicki,
Bill Siksay,
Hon. Andrew Telegdi
and Blair Wilson.

ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

Borys Wrzesnewskyj for Hon. Jim Karygiannis.

OTHER MEMBERS PRESENT:

Don H. Bell.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:

Jennifer Wispinski, Analyst.

DELEGATION:

European Commission for Freedom, Justice and Security:

Jonathan Faull, Director-General;

Eric Hayes, Ambassador;

Joannes de Ceuster, Head of Unit, Borders and Visas, Directorate-General;

Chris Kendall, Counsellor, Political and Public Affairs Delegation.

William Farrell
Clerk of the Committee

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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 6

Wednesday, May 17, 2006

The Standing Committee on Citizenship and Immigration met at 5:30 p.m. this day, in Room 209, West Block, the Chair, Norman Doyle, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Johanne Deschamps, Norman Doyle, Meili Faille, Hon. Albina Guarnieri, Rahim Jaffer, Ed Komarnicki, Bill Siksay, Hon. Andrew Telegdi and Blair Wilson.

Acting Members present: Borys Wrzesnewskyj for Hon. Jim Karygiannis.

Other Members present: Don H. Bell.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Jennifer Wispinski, Analyst.

Delegation: European Commission for Freedom, Justice and Security: Jonathan Faull, Director-General; Eric Hayes, Ambassador; Joannes de Ceuster, Head of Unit, Borders and Visas, Directorate-General; Chris Kendall, Counsellor, Political and Public Affairs Delegation.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee met with representatives of the delegation from the European Commission for Freedom, Justice and Security.

Jonathan Faull made a statement and answered questions.

At 6:30 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

William Farrell
Clerk of the Committee

2006/05/18 9:50 a.m.

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**STANDING COMMITTEE ON CITIZENSHIP AND
IMMIGRATION**

Chair: Norman Doyle.

Meeting No. 7

Monday, May 29, 2006

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee commenced its study of Overview of the Immigration Refugee Board of Canada.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee commenced its study of Overview of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Johanne Deschamps,
Barry Devolin,
Norman Doyle,
Hon. Albina Guarnieri,
Ed Komarnicki,
Bill Siksay,
Hon. Andrew Telegdi
and Blair Wilson.

ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

Jacques Gourde for Rahim Jaffer,
Jean-Yves Laforest for Meili Faille,
and Hon. Keith Martin for Hon. Jim Karygiannis.

OTHER MEMBERS PRESENT:

Mario Silva
and Borys Wrzesnewskyj.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:
Jennifer Wispinski, Analyst;
Margaret Young, Analyst.

WITNESSES:

United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees:
Jahanshah Assadi, Representative in Canada.

Immigration and Refugee Board of Canada:
Jean-Guy Fleury, Chairperson.

United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees:
Buti Kale, Senior Protection Officer.

Immigration and Refugee Board of Canada:
Timothy Morin, Acting Senior General Counsel;
Marilyn Stuart-Major, Executive Director.

William Farrell
Clerk of the Committee

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Meeting No. 7

Monday, May 29, 2006

The Standing Committee on Citizenship and Immigration met at 3:31 p.m. this day, in Room 269, West Block, the Chair, Norman Doyle, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Johanne Deschamps, Barry Devolin, Norman Doyle, Hon. Albina Guarnieri, Ed Komarnicki, Bill Siksay, Hon. Andrew Telegdi and Blair Wilson.

Acting Members present: Jacques Gourde for Rahim Jaffer, Jean-Yves Laforest for Meili Faille and Hon. Keith Martin for Hon. Jim Karygiannis.

Other Members present: Mario Silva and Borys Wrzesnewskyj.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Jennifer Wispinski, Analyst; Margaret Young, Analyst.

Witnesses: United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees: Jahanshah Assadi, Representative in Canada. *Immigration and Refugee Board of Canada:* Jean-Guy Fleury, Chairperson. *United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees:* Buti Kale, Senior Protection Officer. *Immigration and Refugee Board of Canada:* Timothy Morin, Acting Senior General Counsel; Marilyn Stuart-Major, Executive Director.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee commenced its study of Overview of the Immigration Refugee Board of Canada.

Jean-Guy Fleury made a statement and answered questions.

At 4:30 p.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 4:35 p.m., the sitting resumed.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee commenced its study of Overview of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees.

Jahanshah Assadi made a statement and answered questions.

Bill Siksay gave notice of the following three motions:

First Motion

That, pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee recommends that the government establish an in-Canada regularization program that is accessible and affordable to allow non-status immigrants and their families living and working in Canada to apply for permanent residency.

That the Committee adopt this recommendation as a report to the House and that the Chair present this report to the House.

In accordance with the provisions of Standing Order 109, the Committee requests that the Government provide a comprehensive response to this Report.

Second Motion

That, pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee recommends that the government create a long-term solution for an accessible and affordable program that permits new immigrants to enter Canada to join the workforce, particularly in sectors with labour shortages.

That the Committee adopt this recommendation as a report to the House and that the Chair present this report to the House.

In accordance with the provisions of Standing Order 109, the Committee requests that the Government provide a comprehensive response to this Report.

Third Motion

That, pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee recommends that the government place an immediate moratorium on deportations of all undocumented workers and their families who pass security and criminality checks while a new immigration policy is put in place.

That the Committee adopt this recommendation as a report to the House and that the Chair present this report to the House.

In accordance with the provisions of Standing Order 109, the Committee requests that the Government provide a comprehensive response to this Report.

At 5:29 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

William Farrell
Clerk of the Committee

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**STANDING COMMITTEE ON CITIZENSHIP AND
IMMIGRATION**

Chair: Norman Doyle.

Meeting No. 8

Wednesday, May 31, 2006

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on May 15, 2006, the Committee commenced its study of Stateless Vietnamese in the Philippines.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on May 15, 2006, the Committee commenced its study of Refugee Protection of Falun Gong Practitioners.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Johanne Deschamps,
Barry Devolin,
Norman Doyle,
Meili Faille,
Nina Grewal,
Rahim Jaffer,
Ed Komarnicki,
Bill Siksay
and Blair Wilson.

ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

Raymonde Folco for Hon. Albina Guarnieri,

Mario Silva for Hon. Andrew Telegdi,
and Borys Wrzesnewskyj for Hon. Jim Karygiannis.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:
Jennifer Wispinski, Analyst.

WITNESSES:

SOS Viet Phi:
Maxwell Vo, President;
Hoi Trinh, Attorney, VCA (Vietnamese Community in Australia);
Mr. Patrick Nguyen;
Mai Nguyen, Volunteer, VCA Office in Manila, Philippines;
Richard Mahoney, Legal Counsel and Advisor.

Falun Dafa Association of Canada:
David Matas, Lawyer, Immigration and Human Rights, David
Matas Barrister & Solicitor;
Joel Chipkar, Spokesperson, Toronto;
Lizhi He, Falun Gong practitioner;
Xun (Shawn) Li, President;
Carolyn Jin, President, Canada, Global Mission to Rescue
Persecuted Falun Gong Practitioners;
Shenli Lin, Falun Gong practitioner;
Zhaojin Qiu, Falun Gong practitioner.

Maxwell Vo, Hoi Trinh, Patrick Nguyen, Mai Nguyen and Richard Mahoney made statements and answered questions.

David Matas, Joel Chipkar and Lizhi He made statements and, with Xun Li, answered questions.

William Farrell
Clerk of the Committee

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Meeting No. 8

Wednesday, May 31, 2006

The Standing Committee on Citizenship and Immigration met at 3:30 p.m. this day, in Room 701, La Promenade Building, the Chair, Norman Doyle, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Johanne Deschamps, Barry Devolin, Norman Doyle, Meili Faille, Nina Grewal, Rahim Jaffer, Ed Komarnicki, Bill Siksay and Blair Wilson.

Acting Members present: Raymonde Folco for Hon. Albina Guarnieri, Mario Silva for Hon. Andrew Telegdi and Borys Wrzesnewskyj for Hon. Jim Karygiannis.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Jennifer Wispinski, Analyst.

Witnesses: SOS Viet Phi: Maxwell Vo, President; Hoi Trinh, Attorney, VCA (Vietnamese Community in Australia); Mr. Patrick Nguyen; Mai Nguyen, Volunteer, VCA Office in Manila, Philippines; Richard Mahoney, Legal Counsel and Advisor. *Falun Dafa Association of Canada:* David Matas, Lawyer, Immigration and Human Rights, David Matas Barrister & Solicitor; Joel Chipkar, Spokesperson, Toronto; Lizhi He, Falun Gong practitioner; Xun (Shawn) Li, President; Carolyn Jin, President, Canada, Global Mission to Rescue Persecuted Falun Gong Practitioners; Shenli Lin, Falun Gong practitioner; Zhaojin Qiu, Falun Gong practitioner.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on May 15, 2006, the Committee commenced its study of Stateless Vietnamese in the Philippines.

Maxwell Vo, Hoi Trinh, Patrick Nguyen, Mai Nguyen and Richard Mahoney made statements and answered questions.

At 4:35 p.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 4:40 p.m., the sitting resumed.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on May 15, 2006, the Committee commenced its study of Refugee Protection of Falun Gong Practitioners.

David Matas, Joel Chipkar and Lizhi He made statements and, with Xun Li, answered questions.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

That consideration of motions from Bill Siksay was postponed to a later date.

At 5:40 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

William Farrell
Clerk of the Committee

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39th PARLIAMENT, 1st SESSION

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

**STANDING COMMITTEE ON CITIZENSHIP AND
IMMIGRATION**

Chair: Norman Doyle.

Meeting No. 9

Monday, June 5, 2006

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on May 15, 2006, the Committee commenced its study of Updates of May 2003 Status Report Chapter 3 (The Economic Component of the Canadian Immigration Program), April 2000 Report Chapter 3 (The Economic Component of the Canadian Immigration Program); and April 2003 Report, Chapter 5 (Control and Enforcement).

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Johanne Deschamps,
Barry Devolin,
Norman Doyle,
Meili Faille,
Nina Grewal,
Ed Komarnicki,
Bill Siksay,
Hon. Andrew Telegdi
and Blair Wilson.

ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

Raymonde Folco for Hon. Albina Guarnieri,
and Fabian Manning for Rahim Jaffer.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:

Jennifer Wispinski, Analyst.

WITNESSES:

Office of the Auditor General of Canada:

Sheila Fraser, Auditor General;

Richard Flageole, Assistant Auditor General;

Paul Morse, Principal.

Sheila Fraser made a statement and, with the other witnesses, answered questions.

William Farrell
Clerk of the Committee

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Meeting No. 9

Monday, June 5, 2006

The Standing Committee on Citizenship and Immigration met at 3:30 p.m. this day, in Room 209, West Block, the Chair, Norman Doyle, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Johanne Deschamps, Barry Devolin, Norman Doyle, Meili Faille, Nina Grewal, Ed Komarnicki, Bill Siksay, Hon. Andrew Telegdi and Blair Wilson.

Acting Members present: Raymonde Folco for Hon. Albina Guarnieri and Fabian Manning for Rahim Jaffer.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Jennifer Wispinski, Analyst.

Witnesses: Office of the Auditor General of Canada: Sheila Fraser, Auditor General; Richard Flageole, Assistant Auditor General; Paul Morse, Principal.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on May 15, 2006, the Committee commenced its study of Updates of May 2003 Status Report Chapter 3 (The Economic Component of the Canadian Immigration Program), April 2000 Report Chapter 3 (The Economic Component of the Canadian Immigration Program); and April 2003 Report, Chapter 5 (Control and Enforcement).

Sheila Fraser made a statement and, with the other witnesses, answered questions.

At 3:55 p.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 4:35 p.m., the sitting resumed.

At 5:28 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

William Farrell
Clerk of the Committee

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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

**STANDING COMMITTEE ON CITIZENSHIP AND
IMMIGRATION**

Chair: Norman Doyle.

Meeting No. 10

Monday, June 5, 2006

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee met with representatives of the delegation from Finnish Parliament.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Johanne Deschamps,
Barry Devolin,
Norman Doyle,
Meili Faille,
Nina Grewal,
Ed Komarnicki,
Bill Siksay
and Blair Wilson.

ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

Raymonde Folco for Hon. Albina Guarnieri,
and Fabian Manning for Rahim Jaffer.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:
Jennifer Wispinski, Analyst.

DELEGATION:

Delegation of the Foreign Affairs Committee of the Finnish Parliament:

Liisa Jaakonsaari, Chairperson;
His Excellency Pasi Patokallio, Ambassador of Finland;
Jari Vilén, Member;
Maija Perho, Member;
Antero Kekkonen, Member;
Johannes Koskinen, Member;
Aulis Ranta-Muotio, Member;
Raili Lahnalampi, Clerk.

Liisa Jaakonsaari made a statement and, with the other Members and the delegates exchanged views.

William Farrell
Clerk of the Committee



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Meeting No. 10

Monday, June 5, 2006

The Standing Committee on Citizenship and Immigration met at 5:30 p.m. this day, in Room 209, West Block, the Chair, Norman Doyle, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Johanne Deschamps, Barry Devolin, Norman Doyle, Meili Faille, Nina Grewal, Ed Komarnicki, Bill Siksay and Blair Wilson.

Acting Members present: Raymonde Folco for Hon. Albina Guarnieri and Fabian Manning for Rahim Jaffer.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Jennifer Wispinski, Analyst.

Delegation: Delegation of the Foreign Affairs Committee of the Finnish Parliament: Liisa Jaakonsaari, Chairperson; His Excellency Pasi Patokallio, Ambassador of Finland; Jari Vilén, Member; Maija Perho, Member; Antero Kekkonen, Member; Johannes Koskinen, Member; Aulis Ranta-Muotio, Member; Raili Lahnalampi, Clerk.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee met with representatives of the delegation from Finnish Parliament.

Liisa Jaakonsaari made a statement and, with the other Members and the delegates exchanged views.

At 6:31 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

William Farrell
Clerk of the Committee

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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS
STANDING COMMITTEE ON CITIZENSHIP AND
IMMIGRATION

Chair: Norman Doyle. CPC

Meeting No. 11

Wednesday, June 7, 2006

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 81(4), the Committee commenced consideration of the Main Estimates 2006-2007: Votes 1, 5 and 10 under the Department of Citizenship and Immigration Canada referred to the Committee on Tuesday, April 25, 2006.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Johanne Deschamps,
Barry Devolin,
Norman Doyle,
Meili Faille,
Nina Grewal,
Rahim Jaffer,
Ed Komarnicki,
Bill Siksay,
Hon. Andrew Telegdi
and Blair Wilson.

ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

Raymonde Folco for Hon. Jim Karygiannis.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:
Jennifer Wispinski, Analyst.

APPEARING:

Hon. Monte Solberg, Minister of Citizenship and Immigration.

WITNESSES:

Department of Citizenship and Immigration:

Janice Charette, Deputy Minister;

Wayne Ganim, Chief Financial Officer, Director General Finance
Branch.

Hon. Monte Solberg made a statement and, with the Janice Charette, answered questions.

William Farrell
Clerk of the Committee

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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 11

Wednesday, June 7, 2006

The Standing Committee on Citizenship and Immigration met in a televised session at 3:31 p.m. this day, in Room 237-C, Centre Block, the Chair, Norman Doyle, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Johanne Deschamps, Barry Devolin, Norman Doyle, Meili Faille, Nina Grewal, Rahim Jaffer, Ed Komarnicki, Bill Siksay, Hon. Andrew Telegdi and Blair Wilson.

Acting Members present: Raymonde Folco for Hon. Jim Karygiannis.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Jennifer Wispinski, Analyst.

Appearing: Hon. Monte Solberg, Minister of Citizenship and Immigration.

Witnesses: Department of Citizenship and Immigration: Janice Charette, Deputy Minister; Wayne Ganim, Chief Financial Officer, Director General Finance Branch.

Pursuant to Standing Order 81(4), the Committee commenced consideration of the Main Estimates 2006-2007: Votes 1, 5 and 10 under the Department of Citizenship and Immigration Canada referred to the Committee on Tuesday, April 25, 2006.

Hon. Monte Solberg made a statement and, with the Janice Charette, answered questions.

The Chair called Vote 1 - Operating expenditures under the Department of Citizenship and Immigration.

By unanimous consent, it was agreed, — That Vote 1 in the amount of \$471,886,000, less the amount of \$353,914,500 granted in Interim Supply, be carried.

The Chair called Vote 5 – Grants and contributions under the Department of Citizenship and Immigration.

By unanimous consent, it was agreed, — That Vote 5 in the amount of \$711,702,000, less the amount of \$593,085,000 granted in Interim Supply, be carried.

The Chair called Vote 10 – Program expenditures under the Immigration and Refugee Board of Canada.

By unanimous consent, it was agreed, — That Vote 10 in the amount of \$103,259,000, less the amount of \$86,049,167 granted in Interim Supply, be carried. .

ORDERED, — That the Chair report Votes 1, 5, 10, less the amounts voted in Interim Supply, under CITIZENSHIP AND IMMIGRATION CANADA to the House.

At 5:25 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

William Farrell
Clerk of the Committee

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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS
**STANDING COMMITTEE ON CITIZENSHIP AND
IMMIGRATION**

Chair: Norman Doyle.

Meeting No. 12

Monday, June 19, 2006

ORDER OF THE DAY:

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

Pursuant to the Order of Reference of Tuesday, June 13, 2006, the Committee resumed consideration of Bill C-14, An Act to amend the Citizenship Act (adoption).

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Johanne Deschamps,
Barry Devolin,
Norman Doyle,
Meili Faille,
Nina Grewal,
Ed Komarnicki,
Bill Siksay,
Hon. Andrew Telegdi
and Blair Wilson.

ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

David Sweet for Rahim Jaffer,
Alan Tonks for Raymonde Folco,

and Borys Wrzesnewskyj for Hon. Jim Karygiannis.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:

Jennifer Wispinski, Analyst;
Margaret Young, Analyst.

WITNESSES:

Department of Citizenship and Immigration:

Rose Kattackal, Director General, Integration Branch;
Mark Davidson, Director, Citizenship (Registrar);
Alain Laurencelle, Counsel, Integration and Admissibility Team,
Legal Services;
Karen Clarke, Acting Manager, Policy and Program Development,
Citizenship Division.

Canadian Bar Association:

Stephen W. Green, Executive Member, National Citizenship &
Immigration Law Section;
Tamra L. Thomson, Director, Legislation and Law Reform.

Rose Kattackal made a statement and, with Mark Davidson and Alvin Laurencelle, answered questions.

Tamra Thomson and Stephen Green made statements and answered questions.

Georges Etoka
Committee Clerk

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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 12

Monday, June 19, 2006

The Standing Committee on Citizenship and Immigration met at 3:31 p.m. this day, in Room 209, West Block, the Chair, Norman Doyle, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Johanne Deschamps, Barry Devolin, Norman Doyle, Meili Faille, Nina Grewal, Ed Komarnicki, Bill Siksai, Hon. Andrew Telegdi and Blair Wilson.

Acting Members present: David Sweet for Rahim Jaffer, Alan Tonks for Raymonde Folco and Borys Wrzesnewskyj for Hon. Jim Karygiannis.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Jennifer Wispinski, Analyst; Margaret Young, Analyst.

Witnesses: Department of Citizenship and Immigration: Rose Kattackal, Director General, Integration Branch; Mark Davidson, Director, Citizenship (Registrar); Alain Laurencelle, Counsel, Integration and Admissibility Team, Legal Services; Karen Clarke, Acting Manager, Policy and Program Development, Citizenship Division. *Canadian Bar Association:* Stephen W. Green, Executive Member, National Citizenship & Immigration Law Section; Tamra L. Thomson, Director, Legislation and Law Reform.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

The Chair presented the First Report from the Subcommittee on Agenda and Procedure which read as follows:

It was agreed, - That the Committee commence Clause by clause of Bill C-14 on Wednesday, June 21, 2006.

It was agreed, - That the Committee proceed with Bill Siksai's following motion:

That, pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee recommends that the government place an immediate moratorium on deportations of all undocumented workers and their families who pass security and criminality checks while a new immigration policy is put in place.

That the Committee adopt this recommendation as a report to the House and that the Chair present this report to the House.

In accordance with the provisions of Standing Order 109, the Committee requests that the Government provide a comprehensive response to this Report.

It was agreed, - That the Committee undertake the following prioritized workplan:

- 1. Refugee Issues

- private sponsorship of refugees

- the Refugee Appeal Division (RAD)
- persons in sanctuary (churches)
- persons from countries where there are moratoria on removal
 - 2. Undocumented Workers
- examination of point system
- Canadian Society of Immigration Consultants (CSIC)
 - 3. Temporary Foreign Workers
- conditions of work for vulnerable workers
 - 4. Application Backlog
 - 5. Foreign Credentials Recognition
 - 6. Family Reunification

After Debate, the Chair stood the Report until next meeting, pending advise from the Clerk on points of order raised.

Pursuant to the Order of Reference of Tuesday, June 13, 2006, the Committee commenced consideration of Bill C-14, An Act to amend the Citizenship Act (adoption).

Rose Kattackal made a statement and, with Mark Davidson and Alvin Laurencelle, answered questions.

At 4:33 p.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 4:34 p.m., the sitting resumed.

Tamra Thomson and Stephen Green made statements and answered questions.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

Hon. Andrew Telegdi presented his motion:

Whereas on October 23, 1956, university students marching through the streets of Budapest were joined by workers and others until their numbers reached some 100,000 Hungarian citizens protesting against the communist government of Hungary and its domination by the Soviet Union, whereupon the Hungarian Security Police opened fire on the crowd and killed hundreds;

Whereas the Hungarian government under Prime Minister Imre Nagy released political prisoners, including major church leaders, took steps to establish a multi-party democracy, called for the withdrawal of all Soviet troops from Hungary, announced Hungary's withdrawal from the Warsaw Pact, and requested United Nations assistance in establishing Hungarian neutrality;

Whereas the Soviet Union launched a massive military counteroffensive against the revolt on November 4, 1956, sending tens of thousands of additional troops from the Soviet Union and launched air strikes,

artillery bombardments and coordinated tank-infantry actions involving some 6,000 tanks which, remarkably, the outnumbered and under-equipped Hungarian Army and Hungarian workers resisted for several days;

Whereas Prime Minister Imre Nagy was seized by Soviet security forces despite assurances of safe passage for him to leave the Yugoslav Embassy in Budapest where he sought asylum, and he was taken to Romania and was subsequently tried and executed;

Whereas an estimated one thousand two hundred Hungarians were tried and executed by the post-1956 Hungarian government;

Whereas an estimated 200,000 Hungarians fled their country in the aftermath of the Soviet suppression of the Hungarian uprising, and over 37,000 of these people eventually were able to settle in Canada, where they have contributed to the cultural diversity and the economic strength of this country;

Whereas the uprising of the Hungarian people in 1956 dramatically confirmed the widespread contempt in which the Hungarians held the Soviet Union and the underlying weakness of the communist system imposed by Soviet authorities in Central and Eastern Europe, as well as the strength of popular support for democratic principles and the right of the Hungarian people to determine their own national destiny;

Whereas on October 23, 1989, the Republic of Hungary proclaimed its independence, and in 1990 the Hungarian Parliament officially designated October 23 as a Hungarian national holiday, indicating that the legacy of the 1956 Revolution continues to inspire Hungarians to this day;

Whereas the people of Hungary are beginning a year-long celebration to mark the 50th anniversary of the Hungarian Revolution of 1956;

Whereas on March 12, 1999, the Government of Hungary, reflecting the will of the Hungarian people, formally acceded to the North Atlantic Treaty and became a member of NATO and on May 1, 2004, Hungary became a full member of the European Union; and

Whereas Hungary and Canada continue to expand their friendship and cooperation in all realms: Now, therefore, be it

That, in the opinion of the Committee, the government should

(1) commend the people of Hungary as they mark the 50th anniversary of the 1956 Hungarian Revolution which set the stage for the ultimate collapse of communism in 1989 throughout Central and Eastern Europe, including Hungary, and two years later in the Soviet Union itself;

(2) express condolences to the people of Hungary for those who lost their lives fighting for the cause of Hungarian freedom and independence in 1956, as well as for those individuals executed by the Soviet and Hungarian communist authorities in the five years following the Revolution, including Prime Minister Imre Nagy;

(3) welcome the changes that have taken place in Hungary since 1989, believing that Hungary's integration into NATO and the European Union, together with similar developments in the neighboring countries, will ensure peace, stability, and understanding among the great peoples of the Carpathian Basin; and

(4) reaffirm the friendship and cooperative relations between the governments of Hungary and Canada and between the Hungarian and Canadian people.

After debate, the question was put on the motion and it was agreed to.

It was agreed, — That the Chair present the motion as a report to the House.

At 5:24 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Georges Etoka
Committee Clerk

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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

**STANDING COMMITTEE ON CITIZENSHIP AND
IMMIGRATION**

Chair: Norman Doyle.

Meeting No. 13

Wednesday, June 21, 2006

ORDER OF THE DAY:

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

Pursuant to the Order of Reference of Tuesday, June 13, 2006, the Committee resumed consideration of Bill C-14, An Act to amend the Citizenship Act (adoption).

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Johanne Deschamps,
Barry Devolin,
Norman Doyle,
Meili Faille,
Raymonde Folco,
Nina Grewal,
Rahim Jaffer,
Ed Komarnicki,
Bill Siksay,
Hon. Andrew Telegdi
and Blair Wilson.

ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

Mario Silva for Hon. Jim Karygiannis.

OTHER MEMBERS PRESENT:

Derek Lee.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:

Jennifer Wispinski, Analyst.

House of Commons:

Joann Garbig, Legislative Clerk.

WITNESSES:

Department of Citizenship and Immigration:

Mark Davidson, Director;

Alain Laurencelle, Counsel;

Karen Clarke, Acting Manager.

William Farrell
Clerk of the Committee

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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 13

Wednesday, June 21, 2006

The Standing Committee on Citizenship and Immigration met at 3:40 p.m. this day, in Room 209, West Block, the Chair, Norman Doyle, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Johanne Deschamps, Barry Devolin, Norman Doyle, Meili Faille, Raymonde Folco, Nina Grewal, Rahim Jaffer, Ed Komarnicki, Bill Siksay, Hon. Andrew Telegdi and Blair Wilson.

Acting Members present: Mario Silva for Hon. Jim Karygiannis.

Other Members present: Derek Lee.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Jennifer Wispinski, Analyst. House of Commons: Joann Garbig, Legislative Clerk.

Witnesses: Department of Citizenship and Immigration: Mark Davidson, Director; Alain Laurencelle, Counsel; Karen Clarke, Acting Manager.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

The Committee reverted to the stood report of the Subcommittee on Agenda and Procedure:

It was agreed, - That the Committee commence Clause by clause of Bill C-14 on Wednesday, June 21, 2006.

It was agreed, - That the Committee proceed with Bill Siksay's following motion:

That, pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee recommends that the government place an immediate moratorium on deportations of all undocumented workers and their families who pass security and criminality checks while a new immigration policy is put in place.

That the Committee adopt this recommendation as a report to the House and that the Chair present this report to the House.

In accordance with the provisions of Standing Order 109, the Committee requests that the Government provide a comprehensive response to this Report.

It was agreed, - That the Committee undertake the following prioritized workplan:

- 1. Refugee Issues
 - private sponsorship of refugees
 - the Refugee Appeal Division (RAD)

- persons in sanctuary (churches)
- persons from countries where there are moratoria on removal
 - 2. Undocumented Workers
- examination of point system
- Canadian Society of Immigration Consultants (CSIC)
 - 3. Temporary Foreign Workers
- conditions of work for vulnerable workers
 - 4. Application Backlog
 - 5. Foreign Credentials Recognition
 - 6. Family Reunification

Debate arose thereon.

Ed Komarnicki moved, — That the motion of Bill Siksay be amended in paragraph 1 by deleting “That pursuant to Standing Order 108 (2) the Committee recommends that the government place” with the following “That the Standing Committee review and report to the House with respect to the issue of placing”

and that motion be further amended by deleting paragraphs 2 and 3.

After debate, the question was put on the amendment of Ed Komarnicki and it was negatived.

Meili Faille moved, — That the motion of Bill Siksay be amended in the French version only by adding after the words “qui subissent” the

following “avec succès”.

The question being put the amendment, it was agreed to.

By unanimous consent, it was agreed, — That the Committee append to its report dissenting or supplementary opinions provided it be submitted electronically in both official languages to the Clerk of the Committee no later than 9:00 a.m. on June 22, 2006.

The question: “That the report of the Subcommittee be concurred in.” was put and was agreed to on the following recorded division: YEAS: Johanne Deschamps, Meili Faille, Raymonde Folco, Bill Siksay, Mario Silva, Andrew Telegdi, Blair Wilson — 7; NAYS: Barry Devolin, Nina Grewal, Rahim Jaffer, Ed Komarnicki — 4.

Pursuant to the Order of Reference of Tuesday, June 13, 2006, the Committee resumed consideration of Bill C-14, An Act to amend the Citizenship Act (adoption).

The Committee resumed its clause-by-clause study of the Bill.

The Chair calls Clause 1.

Clause 1 carried.

On Clause 2,

Meili Faille moved, — That Bill C-14, in Clause 2, be amended by replacing lines 17 to 26 on page 2 with the following:

“was made abroad after February 14, 1977 if the Quebec authority responsible for international adoptions advises, in writing, that in its opinion the adoption meets the requirements of Quebec law governing adoptions.”

After debate, the question was put on the amendment of Meili Faille and it was negatived.

On Clause 2,

Bill Siksay moved, — That Bill C-14, in Clause 2, be amended by adding after line 26 on page 2 the following:

“(4) Any decision of the Minister under this section may be appealed to the Immigration Appeal Division of the Immigration and Refugee Board.”

Debate arose thereon.

A point of order was raised regarding the procedural admissibility of the proposed amendment.

The Chair ruled the proposed amendment admissible.

Whereupon, Ed Komarnicki appealed the decision of the Chair. The question: "Shall the decision of the Chair be sustained?" was put and the decision was sustained.

After debate, the question was put on the amendment of Bill Siksay and it was agreed to.

Clause 2, as amended, carried.

Raymonde Folco moved, — That Bill C-14 be amended by adding after line 26 on page 2 the following new clause:

“2.1 The portion of subsection 19(2) of the Act before paragraph (a) is replaced by the following:

(2) Where the Minister is of the opinion that a person should not be granted citizenship under section 5 or subsection 5.1(2) or 11(1) or administered the oath of citizenship or be issued a certificate of renunciation under section 9 because there are reasonable grounds to believe that the person will engage in activity”

RULING BY THE CHAIR

Amendment L-1 seeks to amend section 19 of the *Citizenship Act*, so that certain prohibitions to the granting of citizenship would apply to persons under the new subsection 5.1(2).

House of Commons Procedure and Practice states at page 654:

“... an amendment is inadmissible if it amends a statute that is not before the committee or a section of the parent Act unless it is specifically being amended by a clause of the bill.”

Since section 19 of the *Citizenship Act* is not being amended by Bill C-14, it is inadmissible to propose such an amendment. Therefore, L-1 is inadmissible.

Amendments L-2 and L-3 have the same objective and also seek to amend sections of the *Citizenship Act* which are not amended by the Bill, and are also inadmissible.

Whereupon, Raymonde Folco appealed the decision of the Chair. The question: "Shall the decision of the Chair be sustained?" was put and the decision was sustained.

Meili Faille moved, — That Bill C-14 be amended by adding after line 26 on page 2 the following new clause:

“2.1 Subsection 12(2) of the Act is replaced by the following:

(2) Where an application under section 5, 5.1 or 8 or subsection 11(1) is approved, the Minister shall, not later than thirty days after the citizenship judge has made a decision under subsection 14(2) or, if there is an appeal from that decision, not later than thirty days after the time for final appeal has expired, issue a certificate of citizenship to the applicant.”

RULING BY THE CHAIR

Amendment BQ-3 seeks to amend section 12 of the *Citizenship Act*, which relates to the issuing of citizenship certificates.

House of Commons Procedure and Practice states at page 654:

“... an amendment is inadmissible if it amends a statute that is not before the committee or a section of the parent Act unless it is specifically being amended by a clause of the bill.”

Since section 12 of the *Citizenship Act* is not being amended by Bill C-14, it is inadmissible to propose such an amendment. Therefore, BQ-3 is inadmissible.

The debate adjourned thereon.

At 5:23 p.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 5:30 p.m., the sitting resumed.

At 5:32 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

William Farrell
Clerk of the Committee

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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS
**STANDING COMMITTEE ON CITIZENSHIP AND
IMMIGRATION**

Chair: Norman Doyle.

Meeting No. 14

Tuesday, September 26, 2006

ORDER OF THE DAY:

The Clerk of the Committee presided over the election of a Chair.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Johanne Deschamps,
Barry Devolin,
Norman Doyle,
Meili Faille,
Raymonde Folco,
Nina Grewal,
Rahim Jaffer,
Hon. Jim Karygiannis,
Ed Komarnicki,
Bill Siksay,
Hon. Andrew Telegdi
and Blair Wilson.



IN ATTENDANCE:

House of Commons:

Jacques Lahaie, Committee Clerk.

Library of Parliament:

Jennifer Bird, Analyst;

Andrew Kitching, Analyst.

William Farrell
Clerk of the Committee

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 14

Tuesday, September 26, 2006

The Standing Committee on Citizenship and Immigration met at 9:06 a.m. this day, in Room 209, West Block, William Farrell, Clerk of the Committee, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Johanne Deschamps, Barry Devolin, Norman Doyle, Meili Faille, Raymonde Folco, Nina Grewal, Rahim Jaffer, Hon. Jim Karygiannis, Ed Komarnicki, Bill Siksay, Hon. Andrew Telegdi and Blair Wilson.

In attendance: House of Commons: Jacques Lahaie, Committee Clerk. *Library of Parliament:* Jennifer Bird, Analyst; Andrew Kitching, Analyst.

The Clerk of the Committee presided over the election of a Chair.

On motion of Barry Devolin, it was agreed, — That Norman Doyle be elected Chair of the Committee.

The Clerk of the Committee presided over the election of the Vice-Chairs.

Hon. Andrew Telegdi moved, — That Hon. Andrew Telegdi be elected First Vice-Chair of the Committee.

Johanne Deschamps moved, — That Raymonde Folco be elected First Vice-Chair of the Committee.

Pursuant to Standing Order 106(3), the election was conducted by secret ballot.

The ballots having been counted, Hon. Andrew Telegdi was declared duly elected First Vice-Chair of the Committee.

On motion of Johanne Deschamps, it was agreed, — That Meili Faille be elected Second Vice-Chair of the Committee in abstentia.

Norman Doyle took the Chair.

At 9:16 a.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

William Farrell
Clerk of the Committee

2006/09/26 1:43 p.m.

HOUSE OF COMMONS OF CANADA
39th PARLIAMENT, 1st SESSION

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

**STANDING COMMITTEE ON CITIZENSHIP AND
IMMIGRATION**

Chair: Norman Doyle.

Meeting No. 15

Tuesday, September 26, 2006

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on Wednesday, June 21, 2006, the Committee resumed its study of Refugee Issues.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Johanne Deschamps,
Barry Devolin,
Norman Doyle,
Meili Faille,
Raymonde Folco,
Nina Grewal,
Rahim Jaffer,
Hon. Jim Karygiannis,
Ed Komarnicki,
Bill Siksay,
Hon. Andrew Telegdi
and Blair Wilson.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:

Jennifer Bird, Analyst;
Andrew Kitching, Analyst.

WITNESSES:

Canadian Immigrant Settlement Sector Alliance (CISSA):

Reza Shahbazi, Chair;
Fariborz Birjandian, Member-at-large;
Chris Friesen, Secretary;
Bridget Foster, Member-at-large;
Stephan Reichhold, Member-at-large.

William Farrell
Clerk of the Committee

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 15

Tuesday, September 26, 2006

The Standing Committee on Citizenship and Immigration met at 9:23 a.m. this day, in Room 209, West Block, the Chair, Norman Doyle, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Johanne Deschamps, Barry Devolin, Norman Doyle, Meili Faille, Raymonde Folco, Nina Grewal, Rahim Jaffer, Hon. Jim Karygiannis, Ed Komarnicki, Bill Siksai, Hon. Andrew Telegdi and Blair Wilson.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Jennifer Bird, Analyst; Andrew Kitching, Analyst.

Witnesses: Canadian Immigrant Settlement Sector Alliance (CISSA): Reza Shahbazi, Chair; Fariborz Birjandian, Member-at-large; Chris Friesen, Secretary; Bridget Foster, Member-at-large; Stephan Reichhold, Member-at-large.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on Wednesday, June 21, 2006, the Committee commenced its study of Refugee Issues.

Reza Shahbazi, Fariborz Birjandian, Chris Friesen, Bridget Foster and Stephen Reichhold made statements and answered questions.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

The Chair presented the 2nd Report from the Subcommittee on Agenda and Procedure which read as follows:

Bill Siksai moved, - That the Committee adopt the following workplan:

Tuesday, September 26, 2006 - **Refugee Issues** (Witnesses from the Canadian Immigrant Settlement Sector Alliance (CISSA))

Thursday, September 28, 2006 - **Bill C-14 (An Act to amend the Citizenship Act (adoption) (Clause by Clause))**

Tuesday, October 3, 2006 - **Refugee Issues** (Witnesses from the Canadian Council for Refugees witnesses)

Thursday, October 5, 2006 - **Refugee Issues** (Witnesses from the Canadian Council for Refugees)

Tuesday, October 17, 2006 - **Criminal Immigrants segment of April 17, 2006** (Witnesses: Journalist from W-5, Victor Malarek, and Department officials from CIC & CBSA)

Thursday, October 19, 2006 - **Refugee Issues** (Witnesses from Sanctuary Committee)

Tuesday, October 24, 2006 - **Hungarian Revolution - What it meant in terms of Canadian Refugee**

Policy historical perspective (Witness: Carol Turner)

Thursday, October 26, 2006 - **Study on Detention Centers - Security Certificates** (Witnesses: Department Officials from CIC & CBSA)

Monday and Tuesday, October 30 and 31, 2006 - **Visit to Detention Centers to Kingston**

Thursday, November 2, 2006 - (Witnesses from the Canadian Ecunemical Justice Initiatives (KAIROS))

After debate, the question was put on the motion and it was agreed to.

At 11:00 a.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

William Farrell
Clerk of the Committee

2006/09/26 2:12 p.m.

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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

**STANDING COMMITTEE ON CITIZENSHIP AND
IMMIGRATION**

Chair: Norman Doyle.

Meeting No. 16

Thursday, September 28, 2006

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to the Order of Reference of Tuesday, June 13, 2006, the Committee resumed consideration of Bill C-14, An Act to amend the Citizenship Act (adoption).

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Barry Devolin,
Norman Doyle,
Meili Faille,
Raymonde Folco,
Nina Grewal,
Rahim Jaffer,
Ed Komarnicki,
Bill Siksay,
Hon. Andrew Telegdi
and Blair Wilson.

ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

Luc Malo for Johanne Deschamps.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:

Jennifer Bird, Analyst.

House of Commons:

Joann Garbig, Legislative Clerk.

Library of Parliament:

Andrew Kitching, Analyst.

WITNESSES:

Department of Citizenship and Immigration:

Karen Clarke, Acting Manager, Policy and Program Development,
Citizenship Division;

Mark Davidson, Director, Citizenship (Registrar);

Alain Laurencelle, Counsel, Integration and Admissibility Team,
Legal Services.

William Farrell
Clerk of the Committee



MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 16

Thursday, September 28, 2006

The Standing Committee on Citizenship and Immigration met at 9:04 a.m. this day, in Room 536, Wellington Building, the Chair, Norman Doyle, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Barry Devolin, Norman Doyle, Meili Faille, Raymonde Folco, Nina Grewal, Rahim Jaffer, Ed Komarnicki, Bill Siksay, Hon. Andrew Telegdi and Blair Wilson.

Acting Members present: Luc Malo for Johanne Deschamps.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Jennifer Bird, Analyst. *House of Commons:* Joann Garbig, Legislative Clerk. *Library of Parliament:* Andrew Kitching, Analyst.

Witnesses: Department of Citizenship and Immigration: Karen Clarke, Acting Manager, Policy and Program Development, Citizenship Division; Mark Davidson, Director, Citizenship (Registrar); Alain Laurencelle, Counsel, Integration and Admissibility Team, Legal Services.

Pursuant to the Order of Reference of Tuesday, June 13, 2006, the Committee resumed consideration of Bill C-14, An Act to amend the Citizenship Act (adoption).

On motion of Meili Faille, it was agreed, — That Bill C-14 be amended by adding after line 31 on page 2 the following new clause:

“3.1 The Act is amended by adding the following after section 27:

27.1 (1) The Minister shall cause a copy of each regulation proposed to be made under paragraph 27 (d.1) to be laid before each House of Parliament, and each House shall refer the proposed regulation to the appropriate Committee of that House.

(2) No proposed regulation that has been laid under subsection (1) need again be laid under that subsection, whether or not it has been altered.

(3) The Governor in Council may make the regulation at any time after the proposed regulation has been laid before each House of Parliament under subsection (1).”

On motion of Meili Faille, it was agreed, — That Bill C-14, in Clause 4, be amended by replacing lines 32 and 33 on page 2 with the following:

“4. This Act comes into force on the earlier of

(a) a day to be fixed by order of the Governor in Council, and

(b) six months after the day on which this Act receives royal assent.”

Clause 4, as amended, carried.

The Title carried.

The Bill, as amended, carried.

ORDERED, — That the Chair report the Bill ,as amended, to the House.

ORDERED, — That Bill C-14, as amended, be reprinted for the use of the House at report stage.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

Bill Siksay moved, — REMAINING 140 STATELESS VIETNAMESE REFUGEES IN THE PHILIPPINES

WHEREAS, until recently, 2,000 forgotten Vietnamese refugees remained stateless in the Philippines for over a decade and half without being given any status;

WHEREAS, this group of Vietnamese refugees represents the last group of “boat people” from Vietnam, stranded in limbo since 1989;

WHEREAS, Australia, the United Kingdom, Norway and the United States have recognized these people as refugees and resettled the majority of them;

WHEREAS, Canada agreed to take up to 200 of these Vietnamese refugees;

WHEREAS, only 23 individuals from eight families qualified to come to Canada under the programme announced by the previous government;

WHEREAS, 140 individuals are left behind without a durable solution after 17 years of displacement and statelessness;

WHEREAS, Canada had a remarkable record for the resettlement of Vietnamese “boat people”;

WHEREAS, Vietnamese refugees who came to Canada as part of that important refugee movement have integrated well into Canada society and, as Canadian citizens, make important contributions to our communities;

WHEREAS, many Canadians including members of the Vietnamese Community in Canada are willing and able to be private sponsors for these 140 individuals;

WHEREAS, Canada accepts some 30,000 refugees annually and already has in place humanitarian and compassionate programs that would allow the resettlement of these individuals;

WHEREAS, the Vietnamese refugees remaining in the Philippines meet the criteria set under the ‘Country of Asylum’ class of the Immigration and Refugee Protection Act which requires that the applicant:

- Be outside his/her country of citizenship;
- Has been affected by civil war or armed conflict; or
- Has suffered violations of human rights;

- Has no possibility, within a reasonable period of time, of having a durable solution; and
- Be privately sponsored.

WHEREAS, under Section 25(1) of the Immigration and Refugee Protection Act, the Minister of Citizenship and Immigration also has the power to grant permanent residence in Canada on humanitarian and compassionate grounds;

THEREFORE, The Standing Committee on Citizenship and Immigration requests the following:

1. The Honourable Minister of Citizenship and Immigration to allow the urgent resettlement in Canada of the remaining 140 Vietnamese refugees stranded in the Philippines on humanitarian and compassionate grounds under the 'Country of Asylum' class or using Section 25(1) of the Immigration and Refugee Protection Act or via some other mechanism;
2. During this process, these individuals be required to undergo normal procedures like all other refugees admitted into Canada;
3. The Honourable Minister of Citizenship and Immigration to respond, in writing, to members of this Committee, within a reasonable period of time, the overall result of Canada's efforts in providing a durable solution to this last group of "boat people" from Vietnam.

After debate, the question was put on the motion and it was agreed to.

Raymonde Folco moved, — That, pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee recommends that the Auditor General of Canada undertake the following audit of The Canadian Security Intelligence Services (CSIS):

- a) The process and methods used in the case file investigations for immigration purposes;
- b) The type of information obtained by CSIS;
- c) Methods used to obtain case file information;

How the information is analyzed in making their recommendations.

After debate, the question was put on the motion and it was agreed to.

On motion of Bill Siksay, it was agreed, — That the Chair present the motions as reports to the House.

On motion of Andrew Telegdi, it was agreed, — That the proposed budget in the amount of \$14,900, for the study on Refugee Issues be adopted.

On motion of Ed Komarnicki, it was agreed, — That on Tuesday, October 3, 2006, that the Committee hear the witnesses from the Canadian Council of Refugees from 9:00 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. and that the Committee meet in camera from 10:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. to discuss Committee business.

At 9:59 a.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

William Farrell
Clerk of the Committee

2006/09/28 2:40 p.m.

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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

**STANDING COMMITTEE ON CITIZENSHIP AND
IMMIGRATION**

Chair: Norman Doyle.

Meeting No. 17

Tuesday, October 3, 2006

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on Wednesday, June 21, 2006, the Committee resumed its study of Refugee Issues.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Johanne Deschamps,
Barry Devolin,
Norman Doyle,
Meili Faille,
Raymonde Folco,
Nina Grewal,
Rahim Jaffer,
Ed Komarnicki,
Bill Siksay,
Hon. Andrew Telegdi
and Blair Wilson.

ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

Diane Bourgeois for Johanne Deschamps,
and Sukh Dhaliwal for Hon. Jim Karygiannis.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:

Jennifer Bird, Analyst;
Andrew Kitching, Analyst.

WITNESSES:

Canadian Council for Refugees:

Janet Dench, Executive Director;
Francisco Rico-Martinez, Co-Chair, Working Group on Inland
Protection;
Debra Simpson, Member.

William Farrell
Clerk of the Committee



Close

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 17

Tuesday, October 3, 2006

The Standing Committee on Citizenship and Immigration met at 9:00 a.m. this day, in Room 269, West Block, the Chair, Norman Doyle, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Johanne Deschamps, Barry Devolin, Norman Doyle, Meili Faille, Raymonde Folco, Nina Grewal, Rahim Jaffer, Ed Komarnicki, Bill Siksay, Hon. Andrew Telegdi and Blair Wilson.

Acting Members present: Diane Bourgeois for Johanne Deschamps and Sukh Dhaliwal for Hon. Jim Karygiannis.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Jennifer Bird, Analyst; Andrew Kitching, Analyst.

Witnesses: Canadian Council for Refugees: Janet Dench, Executive Director; Francisco Rico-Martinez, Co-Chair, Working Group on Inland Protection; Debra Simpson, Member.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on Wednesday, June 21, 2006, the Committee commenced its study of Refugee Issues.

Janet Dench, Debra Simpson and Francisco Rico-Martinez made statements and answered questions.

At 10:36 a.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 10:40 a.m., the sitting resumed in camera.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

It was agreed, — That the evidence received by the Standing Committee on Citizenship and Immigration in relation to its studies on Citizenship, Recognition of the International experience and Credentials of Immigrants, and Family Reunification Issues during the 1st Session of the 38th Parliament, be deemed adduced by the Committee in the current session.

It was agreed, — That the Committee invite the Chair of the Immigration and Refugee Board to appear on Thursday, October 5, 2006 from 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m..

At 10:58 a.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

William Farrell
Clerk of the Committee

2006/10/03 12:10 p.m.

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**STANDING COMMITTEE ON CITIZENSHIP AND
IMMIGRATION**

Chair: Norman Doyle.

Meeting No. 19

Tuesday, October 17, 2006

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee commenced its study of Immigration Issues.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Johanne Deschamps,
Barry Devolin,
Norman Doyle,
Meili Faille,
Raymonde Folco,
Nina Grewal,
Rahim Jaffer,
Ed Komarnicki,
Bill Siksay
and Blair Wilson.

ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

Lloyd St. Amand for Hon. Andrew Telegdi.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:
Jennifer Bird, Analyst;
Andrew Kitching, Analyst.

WITNESSES:

Immigration and Refugee Board of Canada:

Jean-Guy Fleury, Chairperson;

Timothy Morin, Acting Senior General Counsel, Legal Services.

Jean-Guy Fleury made a statement and, with the Timothy Morin, answered questions.

William Farrell
Clerk of the Committee



MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 19

Tuesday, October 17, 2006

The Standing Committee on Citizenship and Immigration met at 9:00 a.m. this day, in Room 269, West Block, the Chair, Norman Doyle, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Johanne Deschamps, Barry Devolin, Norman Doyle, Meili Faille, Raymonde Folco, Nina Grewal, Rahim Jaffer, Ed Komarnicki, Bill Siksay and Blair Wilson.

Acting Members present: Lloyd St. Amand for Hon. Andrew Telegdi.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Jennifer Bird, Analyst; Andrew Kitching, Analyst.

Witnesses: Immigration and Refugee Board of Canada: Jean-Guy Fleury, Chairperson; Timothy Morin, Acting Senior General Counsel, Legal Services.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee commenced its study of Immigration Issues.

Jean-Guy Fleury made a statement and, with the Timothy Morin, answered questions.

At 10:38 a.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 10:40 a.m., the sitting resumed.

On motion of Bill Siksay, it was agreed, — That the composition of the Subcommittee on Agenda and Procedure be:

- Norman Doyle
- Rahim Jaffer
- Raymonde Folco
- Andrew Telegdi
- Meili Faille
- Bill Siksay.

On motion of Bill Siksay, it was agreed, — That the Chair be authorized to seek an Order of Reference from the House of Commons for the Committee's travel to Kingston, Ontario from October 30, 2006 to October 31, 2006 so the Committee can continue their study on Refugee Issues and visit the Kingston Immigration Holding Centre.

That the Chair be authorized to plan and finalize the budget and itinerary for the Committee's travel to Kingston, Ontario from October 30 to 31, 2006 and present the budget to the Subcommittee on

Committee Budgets of the Liaison Committee.

On motion of Raymonde Folco, it was agreed, — That the Committee adopt the travel budget in the amount of \$20,195.00 to cover the costs for members and staff to attend a seminar on “Taking the Lead: Refugee and Immigrant Youth” in Montreal from November 23 to November 25, 2006 and that the Chair present the said budget to the Subcommittee on Committee Budgets of the Liaison Committee.

By unanimous consent, it was agreed, — That the Foreign Affairs and International Development and Citizenship and Immigration Committees meet jointly with the UN High Commissioner for Refugees on November 2, 2006.

At 10:55 a.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

William Farrell
Clerk of the Committee

2006/10/17 12:37 p.m.

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**STANDING COMMITTEE ON CITIZENSHIP AND
IMMIGRATION**

Chair: Norman Doyle.

Meeting No. 20

Thursday, October 19, 2006

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on Wednesday, June 21, 2006, the Committee resumed its study of Refugee Issues.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Johanne Deschamps,
Barry Devolin,
Norman Doyle,
Meili Faille,
Nina Grewal,
Rahim Jaffer,
Ed Komarnicki,
Bill Siksay,
Hon. Andrew Telegdi
and Blair Wilson.

ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

Yasmin Ratansi for Raymonde Folco.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:

Jennifer Bird, Analyst;
Andrew Kitching, Analyst.

WITNESSES:

Canadian Ecumenical Justice Initiatives (KAIROS):

Jennifer Devries, Program Coordinator, Refugees and Migration;
Avvy Yao-Yao Go, Executive Director, Metro Toronto Chinese
and South East Asian Legal Clinic;
Cecilia Diocson, Executive Director, National Alliance of
Philippine Women in Canada;
Stan Raper, National Coordinator for the Agricultural Workers
Programme of the United Food and Commercial Workers Union,
United Food and Commercial Workers Union.

William Farrell
Clerk of the Committee

Français

Close

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 20

Thursday, October 19, 2006

The Standing Committee on Citizenship and Immigration met at 9:10 a.m. this day, in Room 209, West Block, the Chair, Norman Doyle, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Johanne Deschamps, Barry Devolin, Norman Doyle, Meili Faille, Nina Grewal, Rahim Jaffer, Ed Komarnicki, Bill Siksay, Hon. Andrew Telegdi and Blair Wilson.

Acting Members present: Yasmin Ratansi for Raymonde Folco.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Jennifer Bird, Analyst; Andrew Kitching, Analyst.

Witnesses: Canadian Ecumenical Justice Initiatives (KAIROS): Jennifer Devries, Program Coordinator, Refugees and Migration; Avvy Yao-Yao Go, Executive Director, Metro Toronto Chinese and South East Asian Legal Clinic; Cecilia Diocson, Executive Director, National Alliance of Philippine Women in Canada; Stan Raper, National Coordinator for the Agricultural Workers Programme of the United Food and Commercial Workers Union, United Food and Commercial Workers Union.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on Wednesday, June 21, 2006, the Committee resumed its study of Refugee Issues.

Jennifer Devries, Avvy Yao-Yao Go, Cecilia Diocson and Stan Raper made statements and answered questions.

At 10:59 a.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

William Farrell
Clerk of the Committee

2006/10/19 11:56 a.m.

HOUSE OF COMMONS OF CANADA
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STANDING COMMITTEE ON CITIZENSHIP AND
IMMIGRATION

Chair: Norman Doyle.

Meeting No. 21

Thursday, October 26, 2006

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on Tuesday, September 26, 2006, the Committee resumed its study on Detention Centers - Security Certificates.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Johanne Deschamps,
Barry Devolin,
Norman Doyle,
Meili Faille,
Raymonde Folco,
Nina Grewal,
Hon. Jim Karygiannis,
Ed Komarnicki,
Bill Siksay
and Hon. Andrew Telegdi.

ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

Joe Preston for Rahim Jaffer.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:
Andrew Kitching, Analyst.

WITNESSES:

Department of Justice:

Daniel Therrien, Senior General Counsel, Office of the Assistant
Deputy Attorney General.

Department of Citizenship and Immigration:

Anna-Mae Grigg, Director, Litigation Management.

Canada Border Services Agency:

Susan Kramer, Director, Inland Enforcement;
Kimber Johnston, Director General, Policy and Program
Development Directorate.

Daniel Therrien made a statement and, with Anna-Mae Grigg, Susan Kramer and Kimber Johnston, answered questions.

William Farrell
Clerk of the Committee



MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 21

Thursday, October 26, 2006

The Standing Committee on Citizenship and Immigration met at 9:02 a.m. this day, in Room 371, West Block, the Chair, Norman Doyle, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Johanne Deschamps, Barry Devolin, Norman Doyle, Meili Faille, Raymonde Folco, Nina Grewal, Hon. Jim Karygiannis, Ed Komarnicki, Bill Siksay and Hon. Andrew Telegdi.

Acting Members present: Joe Preston for Rahim Jaffer.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Andrew Kitching, Analyst.

Witnesses: Department of Justice: Daniel Therrien, Senior General Counsel, Office of the Assistant Deputy Attorney General. *Department of Citizenship and Immigration:* Anna-Mae Grigg, Director, Litigation Management. *Canada Border Services Agency:* Susan Kramer, Director, Inland Enforcement; Kimber Johnston, Director General, Policy and Program Development Directorate.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on Tuesday, September 26, 2006, the Committee commenced its study on Detention Centers - Security Certificates.

Daniel Therrien made a statement and, with Anna-Mae Grigg, Susan Kramer and Kimber Johnston, answered questions.

At 10:41 a.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 10:42 a.m., the sitting resumed.

The Chair presented the 3rd Report from the Subcommittee on Agenda and Procedure which read as follows:

Bill Siksay moved - That the Committee invite the following witnesses to appear on the following subjects:

Thursday, November 9, 2006 - **Study on Detention Centres - Security Certificates**

- Amnesty International Canada
- TASC (Toronto Action for Social Change)
- Justice for Mohamed Harkat Committee
- Mary Foster

Tuesday, November 21, 2006 - **Refugee Issues**

- CISSA (Canadian Immigrant Settlement Sector Alliance)

Thursday, November 23, 2006 - **Refugee Issues - Federal Court back logs**

- Senior officials from CIC (Department of Citizenship and Immigration)
- Senior officials from Department of Justice

Tuesday, November 28, 2006 - **Suburban impact of refugee movements, the experience of Burnaby B.C.**

- Witnesses to be determined

Thursday, November 30, 2006 - **Private Sponsorship**

- Witnesses to be determined

December 5, 7, 12 and 14 - **Draft Report on Refugee Issues**

After debate, the question was put on the motion and the result of the vote was announced: YEAS: 5;
NAYS: 5.

Whereupon, the Chair voted in the affirmative.

Accordingly, the motion was agreed to.

At 11:00 a.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

William Farrell
Clerk of the Committee

2006/10/26 2:06 p.m.

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STANDING COMMITTEE ON CITIZENSHIP AND
IMMIGRATION

Chair: Norman Doyle.

Meeting No. 22

Thursday, November 2, 2006

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on Wednesday, June 21, 2006, the Committee resumed its study of Refugee Issues.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Barry Devolin,
Norman Doyle,
Meili Faille,
Rahim Jaffer,
Ed Komarnicki,
Bill Siksay,
Hon. Andrew Telegdi
and Blair Wilson.

ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

Nicole Demers for Johanne Deschamps,
Hon. Gurbax Malhi for Raymonde Folco,
and Joe Preston for Nina Grewal.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:
Andrew Kitching, Analyst.

WITNESSES:

The United Church of Canada:

Heather Macdonald, Program Coordinator, Refugee and Migration,
Justice and Global Ecumenical Relations.

Romero House:

Mary Jo Leddy, Director, Professor, Ontario Sanctuary Coalition.

First Unitarian Congregation of Ottawa:

Phil Nagy, Chair, Hitschmanova Committee, Unitarian-
Universalist Congregation.

St. Joseph's Roman Catholic Church:

Pierre Gauthier, Refugee Outreach Committee.

All Saints Lutheran Church:

Gordon Walt, Vice-Chair, Congregational Council.

The Presbyterian Church in Canada:

Stephen Allen, Associate Secretary, Justice Ministries.

Chad Mariage
Committee Clerk



MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 22

Thursday, November 2, 2006

The Standing Committee on Citizenship and Immigration met at 9:01 a.m. this day, in Room 209, West Block, the Chair, Norman Doyle, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Barry Devolin, Norman Doyle, Meili Faille, Rahim Jaffer, Ed Komarnicki, Bill Siksay, Hon. Andrew Telegdi and Blair Wilson.

Acting Members present: Nicole Demers for Johanne Deschamps, Hon. Gurbax Malhi for Raymonde Folco and Joe Preston for Nina Grewal.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Andrew Kitching, Analyst.

Witnesses: The United Church of Canada: Heather Macdonald, Program Coordinator, Refugee and Migration, Justice and Global Ecumenical Relations. *Romero House:* Mary Jo Leddy, Director, Professor, Ontario Sanctuary Coalition. *First Unitarian Congregation of Ottawa:* Phil Nagy, Chair, Hitschmanova Committee, Unitarian-Universalist Congregation. *St. Joseph's Roman Catholic Church:* Pierre Gauthier, Refugee Outreach Committee. *All Saints Lutheran Church:* Gordon Walt, Vice-Chair, Congregational Council. *The Presbyterian Church in Canada:* Stephen Allen, Associate Secretary, Justice Ministries.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on Wednesday, June 21, 2006, the Committee resumed its study of Refugee Issues (persons in sanctuary).

The witnesses made statements and answered questions.

At 10:59 a.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Chad Mariage
Committee Clerk

2006/11/02 2:36 p.m.

HOUSE OF COMMONS OF CANADA
39th PARLIAMENT, 1st SESSION

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS
STANDING COMMITTEE ON CITIZENSHIP AND
IMMIGRATION

Chair: Norman Doyle.

Meeting No. 23

Tuesday, November 7, 2006

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 81(5), the Committee commenced consideration of the Supplementary Estimates (A) 2006-2007: Votes 1a, 2a, 5a and 10a under the CITIZENSHIP AND IMMIGRATION referred to the Committee on Monday, October 30, 2006.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Johanne Deschamps,
Barry Devolin,
Norman Doyle,
Meili Faille,
Raymonde Folco,
Nina Grewal,
Rahim Jaffer,
Hon. Jim Karygiannis,
Ed Komarnicki,
Bill Siksay,
Hon. Andrew Telegdi
and Blair Wilson.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:
Margaret Young, Analyst;
Andrew Kitching, Analyst.

APPEARING:

Hon. Monte Solberg, Minister of Citizenship and Immigration.

WITNESSES:

Department of Citizenship and Immigration:

Richard Fadden, Deputy Minister;

Wayne Ganim, Chief Financial Officer, Director General Finance
Branch.

Hon. Monte Solberg made a statement and, with the other witnesses, answered questions.

Chad Mariage
Committee Clerk



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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 23

Tuesday, November 7, 2006

The Standing Committee on Citizenship and Immigration met in a televised session at 9:01 a.m. this day, in Room 237-C, Centre Block, the Chair, Norman Doyle, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Johanne Deschamps, Barry Devolin, Norman Doyle, Meili Faille, Raymonde Folco, Nina Grewal, Rahim Jaffer, Hon. Jim Karygiannis, Ed Komarnicki, Bill Siksay, Hon. Andrew Telegdi and Blair Wilson.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Margaret Young, Analyst; Andrew Kitching, Analyst.

Appearing: Hon. Monte Solberg, Minister of Citizenship and Immigration.

Witnesses: Department of Citizenship and Immigration: Richard Fadden, Deputy Minister; Wayne Ganim, Chief Financial Officer, Director General Finance Branch.

Pursuant to Standing Order 81(5), the Committee commenced consideration of the Supplementary Estimates (A) 2006-2007: Votes 1a, 2a, 5a and 10a under the CITIZENSHIP AND IMMIGRATION referred to the Committee on Monday, October 30, 2006.

Hon. Monte Solberg made a statement and, with the other witnesses, answered questions.

Jim Karygiannis moved, — That the Committee continue to question the Minister until 11:00 a.m. and that the votes be considered at the next meeting of the Committee.

The question was put on the motion and it was agreed to, by a show of hands: YEAS: 7; NAYS: 4.

Rahim Jaffer moved, — That the Committee proceed to consider of the votes in the Supplementary Estimates (A) referred to the Committee.

The question was put on the motion and it was agreed to, by a show of hands: YEAS: 7; NAYS: 4.

The Chair calls Vote 1a under Citizenship and Immigration.

Vote 1a carried.

It was agreed - That the remaining votes be considered at the next meeting of the Committee.

At 11:01 a.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Chad Mariage
Committee Clerk

2006/11/08 8:20 a.m.

HOUSE OF COMMONS OF CANADA
39th PARLIAMENT, 1st SESSION

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

**STANDING COMMITTEE ON CITIZENSHIP AND
IMMIGRATION**

Chair: Norman Doyle.

Meeting No. 24

Thursday, November 9, 2006

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 81(5), the Committee commenced consideration of the Supplementary Estimates (A) 2006-2007: Votes 1a, 2a, 5a and 10a under the CITIZENSHIP AND IMMIGRATION referred to the Committee on Monday, October 30, 2006.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on Tuesday, September 26, 2006, the Committee resumed its study on Detention Centers - Security Certificates.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Johanne Deschamps,
Barry Devolin,
Norman Doyle,
Raymonde Folco,
Hon. Jim Karygiannis,
Ed Komarnicki,
Bill Siksay,
Hon. Andrew Telegdi
and Blair Wilson.

ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

Joe Preston for Nina Grewal,
Robert Vincent for Meili Faille,

and Mike Wallace for Rahim Jaffer.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:

Jennifer Bird, Analyst;
Andrew Kitching, Analyst.

WITNESSES:

Campaign to Stop Secret Trials in Canada:

Mona El-Fouli, Wife of Mohammad Mahjoub.

Coalition Justice for Adil Charkaoui:

Mary Foster, Member.

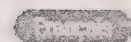
Justice for Mohamed Harkat Committee:

Christian Legeais, Campaign Manager.

Amnesty International Canada:

Alex Neve, Secretary General, English Speaking Section.

Chad Mariage
Clerk of the Committee

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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 24

Thursday, November 9, 2006

The Standing Committee on Citizenship and Immigration met at 8:58 a.m. this day, in Room 308, West Block, the Chair, Norman Doyle, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Johanne Deschamps, Barry Devolin, Norman Doyle, Raymonde Folco, Hon. Jim Karygiannis, Ed Komarnicki, Bill Siksay, Hon. Andrew Telegdi and Blair Wilson.

Acting Members present: Joe Preston for Nina Grewal, Robert Vincent for Meili Faille and Mike Wallace for Rahim Jaffer.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Jennifer Bird, Analyst; Andrew Kitching, Analyst.

Witnesses: Campaign to Stop Secret Trials in Canada: Mona El-Fouli, Wife of Mohammad Mahjoub. *Coalition Justice for Adil Charkaoui:* Mary Foster, Member. *Justice for Mohamed Harkat Committee:* Christian Legeais, Campaign Manager. *Amnesty International Canada:* Alex Neve, Secretary General, English Speaking Section.

Pursuant to Standing Order 81(5), the Committee commenced consideration of the Supplementary Estimates (A) 2006-2007: Votes 2a, 5a and 10a under the CITIZENSHIP AND IMMIGRATION referred to the Committee on Monday, October 30, 2006.

The Chair called Vote 2a under the DEPARTMENT OF CITIZENSHIP AND IMMIGRATION.

Vote 2a carried.

The Chair called Vote 5a under the DEPARTMENT OF CITIZENSHIP AND IMMIGRATION.

Vote 5a carried.

The Chair called Vote 10a under THE IMMIGRATION AND REFUGEE BOARD OF CANADA.

Vote 10a carried.

ORDERED, — That the Chair report Votes 1a, 2a, 5a and 10a under CITIZENSHIP AND IMMIGRATION to the House.

At 9:03 a.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 9:09 a.m., the sitting resumed.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on Tuesday, September 26, 2006, the Committee resumed its study on Detention Centers - Security Certificates.

The witnesses made statements and answered questions.

At 11:18 a.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Chad Mariage
Clerk of the Committee

2006/11/10 1:50 p.m.

HOUSE OF COMMONS OF CANADA
39th PARLIAMENT, 1st SESSION

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS
STANDING COMMITTEE ON CITIZENSHIP AND
IMMIGRATION

Chair: Norman Doyle.

Meeting No. 25

Tuesday, November 21, 2006

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on Wednesday, June 21, 2006, the Committee resumed its study of Refugee Issues.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Johanne Deschamps,
Barry Devolin,
Norman Doyle,
Meili Faille,
Raymonde Folco,
Nina Grewal,
Rahim Jaffer,
Hon. Jim Karygiannis,
Ed Komarnicki,
Bill Siksay
and Hon. Andrew Telegdi.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:
Andrew Kitching, Analyst.

WITNESSES:

Canadian Immigrant Settlement Sector Alliance (CISSA):

Fariborz Birjandian, Member;
Morteza Jafarpour, Member;
Wai Young, Executive Director.

William Farrell
Clerk of the Committee



MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 25

Tuesday, November 21, 2006

The Standing Committee on Citizenship and Immigration met at 9:02 a.m. this day, in Room 209, West Block, the Chair, Norman Doyle, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Johanne Deschamps, Barry Devolin, Norman Doyle, Meili Faille, Raymonde Folco, Nina Grewal, Rahim Jaffer, Hon. Jim Karygiannis, Ed Komarnicki, Bill Siksay and Hon. Andrew Telegdi.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Andrew Kitching, Analyst.

Witnesses: Canadian Immigrant Settlement Sector Alliance (CISSA): Fariborz Birjandian, Member; Morteza Jafarpour, Member; Wai Young, Executive Director.

On motion of Bill Siksay, it was agreed, — That the proposed budget be adopted.

By unanimous consent, it was agreed, — That officials from the Department of Citizenship and Immigration and the Department of Justice be invited to appear on Refugee Issues - Federal Court back logs on December 5, 2006.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on Wednesday, June 21, 2006, the Committee resumed its study of Refugee Issues.

The witnesses made statements and answered questions.

At 10:53 a.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

William Farrell
Clerk of the Committee

2006/11/21 11:48 a.m.

HOUSE OF COMMONS OF CANADA
39th PARLIAMENT, 1st SESSION

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS
STANDING COMMITTEE ON CITIZENSHIP AND
IMMIGRATION

Chair: Norman Doyle.

Meeting No. 26

Tuesday, November 28, 2006

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on Wednesday, June 21, 2006, the Committee resumed its study of Refugee Issues.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Johanne Deschamps,
Barry Devolin,
Norman Doyle,
Meili Faille,
Raymonde Folco,
Nina Grewal,
Rahim Jaffer,
Hon. Jim Karygiannis,
Ed Komarnicki,
Bill Siksay,
Hon. Andrew Telegdi
and Blair Wilson.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:
Jennifer Bird, Analyst;
Andrew Kitching, Analyst.

WITNESSES:

City of Burnaby:

Sav Dhaliwal, Councillor;
Basil Luksun, Director, Planning and Building.

Burnaby School District:

Diana Mumford, Trustee.

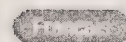
Fraser Health:

Karen Roth, Public Health Nurse, Burnaby Health Promotion and Prevention.

Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops:

Most Rev. Roger Ébacher, Chairman (Archbishop of Gatineau),
Episcopal Commission for Social Affairs;
Most Rev. Brendan M. O'Brien, (Archbishop of St. John's),
Episcopal Commission for Social Affairs.

William Farrell
Clerk of the Committee

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Meeting No. 26

Tuesday, November 28, 2006

The Standing Committee on Citizenship and Immigration met at 9:00 a.m. this day, in Room 371, West Block, the Chair, Norman Doyle, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Johanne Deschamps, Barry Devolin, Norman Doyle, Meili Faille, Raymonde Folco, Nina Grewal, Rahim Jaffer, Hon. Jim Karygiannis, Ed Komarnicki, Bill Siksay, Hon. Andrew Telegdi and Blair Wilson.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Jennifer Bird, Analyst; Andrew Kitching, Analyst.

Witnesses: City of Burnaby: Sav Dhaliwal, Councillor; Basil Luksun, Director, Planning and Building. *Burnaby School District:* Diana Mumford, Trustee. *Fraser Health:* Karen Roth, Public Health Nurse, Burnaby Health Promotion and Prevention. *Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops:* Most Rev. Roger Ébacher, Chairman (Archbishop of Gatineau), Episcopal Commission for Social Affairs; Most Rev. Brendan M. O'Brien, (Archbishop of St. John's), Episcopal Commission for Social Affairs.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on Wednesday, June 21, 2006, the Committee resumed its study of Refugee Issues.

Sav Dhaliwal, Diana Mumford and Karen Roth made statements, and with Basil Luksun, answered questions.

At 10:01 a.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 10:02 a.m., the sitting resumed.

Most Rev. Brendan M. O'Brien and Most Rev. Roger Ébacher made statements and answered questions.

At 11:00 a.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

William Farrell
Clerk of the Committee

2006/11/28 1:35 p.m.

HOUSE OF COMMONS OF CANADA
39th PARLIAMENT, 1st SESSION

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS
STANDING COMMITTEE ON CITIZENSHIP AND
IMMIGRATION

Chair: Norman Doyle.

Meeting No. 27

Tuesday, December 5, 2006

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on Wednesday, June 21, 2006, the Committee resumed its study of Refugee Issues.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Johanne Deschamps,
Barry Devolin,
Norman Doyle,
Meili Faille,
Nina Grewal,
Rahim Jaffer,
Ed Komarnicki,
Bill Siksay,
Hon. Andrew Telegdi
and Blair Wilson.

ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

Hon. Hedy Fry for Raymonde Folco,
and Lui Temelkovski for Hon. Jim Karygiannis.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:

Jennifer Bird, Analyst;
Andrew Kitching, Analyst.

WITNESSES:

Department of Citizenship and Immigration:

Janet Siddall, Associate Assistant Deputy Minister, Operations;
Micheline Aucoin, Director General, Refugees Branch;
Luke Morton, Senior Counsel, Legal Services.

William Farrell
Clerk of the Committee



MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 27

Tuesday, December 5, 2006

The Standing Committee on Citizenship and Immigration met at 9:00 a.m. this day, in Room 269, West Block, the Chair, Norman Doyle, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Johanne Deschamps, Barry Devolin, Norman Doyle, Meili Faille, Nina Grewal, Rahim Jaffer, Ed Komarnicki, Bill Siksay, Hon. Andrew Telegdi and Blair Wilson.

Acting Members present: Hon. Hedy Fry for Raymonde Folco and Lui Temelkovski for Hon. Jim Karygiannis.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Jennifer Bird, Analyst; Andrew Kitching, Analyst.

Witnesses: Department of Citizenship and Immigration: Janet Siddall, Associate Assistant Deputy Minister, Operations; Micheline Aucoin, Director General, Refugees Branch; Luke Morton, Senior Counsel, Legal Services.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on Wednesday, June 21, 2006, the Committee resumed its study of Refugee Issues.

Janet Siddall made a statement, and with Micheline Aucoin and Luke Morton, answered questions.

At 10:18 a.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 10:19 a.m., the sitting resumed.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

On motion of Blair Wilson, it was agreed, — That the Committee proceeded to sit in camera.

It was agreed, — To pay the witness expenses for the Toronto Action for Social Change.

At 10:50 a.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

William Farrell
Clerk of the Committee

2006/12/05 12:39 p.m.

HOUSE OF COMMONS OF CANADA
39th PARLIAMENT, 1st SESSION

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

**STANDING COMMITTEE ON CITIZENSHIP AND
IMMIGRATION**

Chair: Norman Doyle.

Meeting No. 28

Thursday, December 7, 2006

ORDER OF THE DAY:

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Barry Devolin,
Norman Doyle,
Meili Faille,
Raymonde Folco,
Nina Grewal,
Rahim Jaffer,
Hon. Jim Karygiannis,
Ed Komarnicki,
Bill Siksay,
Hon. Andrew Telegdi
and Blair Wilson.

ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

Nicole Demers for Johanne Deschamps.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:

Jennifer Bird, Analyst;

Andrew Kitching, Analyst.

William Farrell
Clerk of the Committee

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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 28

Thursday, December 7, 2006

The Standing Committee on Citizenship and Immigration met *in camera* at 10:03 a.m. this day, in Room 209, West Block, the Chair, Norman Doyle, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Barry Devolin, Norman Doyle, Meili Faille, Raymonde Folco, Nina Grewal, Rahim Jaffer, Hon. Jim Karygiannis, Ed Komarnicki, Bill Siksay, Hon. Andrew Telegdi and Blair Wilson.

Acting Members present: Nicole Demers for Johanne Deschamps.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Jennifer Bird, Analyst; Andrew Kitching, Analyst.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

The Chair presented the Fourth Report from the Subcommittee on Agenda and Procedure which read as follows:

It was agreed, to adopt the following workplan:

Tuesday, December 12, 2006 - **Refugee Issues - Federal Court Back Logs**

- Federal Court Officials
- John Frecker, Legistec Inc.

Tuesday, January 30, 2007 - **Safe Third Country** - witnesses

Thursday, February 1, 2007 - **Private Sponsorship** - witnesses

Tuesday, February 6, 2007 - **Amnesty International** - witnesses

Thursday, February 8, 2007 - **Draft Report on Detainees**

Tuesday, February 13, 2007 - **Draft Report on Detainees**

Thursday, February 15, 2007 - **Draft Report on Refugee Issues**

Tuesday, February 20, 2007 - **Draft Report on Refugee Issues**

Thursday, February 22, 2007 - **Draft Report on Refugee Issues**

Tuesday, February 27, 2007 - **Briefing on Undocumented Workers**

- Officials from the Department of Citizenship and Immigration

At 10:25 a.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair. '

William Farrell
Clerk of the Committee

2006/12/13 2:58 p.m.

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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

**STANDING COMMITTEE ON CITIZENSHIP AND
IMMIGRATION**

Chair: Norman Doyle.

Meeting No. 29

Tuesday, December 12, 2006

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on Wednesday, June 21, 2006, the Committee resumed its study of Refugee Issues.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on Wednesday, June 21, 2006, the Committee resumed its study of Refugee Issues.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Johanne Deschamps,
Barry Devolin,
Norman Doyle,
Meili Faille,
Raymonde Folco,
Nina Grewal,
Rahim Jaffer,
Hon. Jim Karygiannis,
Ed Komarnicki,
Bill Siksay,
Hon. Andrew Telegdi
and Blair Wilson.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:

Jennifer Bird, Analyst;

Andrew Kitching, Analyst.

WITNESSES:

Federal Court of Canada:

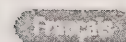
Raymond Guénette, Acting Chief Administrator, Office of the
Chief Administrator, Courts Administration Service;

Wayne Garnons-Williams, Acting Registrar, Registry Branch,
Courts Administration Service.

Legistec Inc.:

John Frecker, President.

William Farrell
Clerk of the Committee

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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 29

Tuesday, December 12, 2006

The Standing Committee on Citizenship and Immigration met at 9:03 a.m. this day, in Room 308, West Block, the Chair, Norman Doyle, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Johanne Deschamps, Barry Devolin, Norman Doyle, Meili Faille, Raymonde Folco, Nina Grewal, Rahim Jaffer, Hon. Jim Karygiannis, Ed Komarnicki, Bill Siksay, Hon. Andrew Telegdi and Blair Wilson.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Jennifer Bird, Analyst; Andrew Kitching, Analyst.

Witnesses: Federal Court of Canada: Raymond Guénette, Acting Chief Administrator, Office of the Chief Administrator, Courts Administration Service; Wayne Garnons-Williams, Acting Registrar, Registry Branch, Courts Administration Service. *Legistec Inc.:* John Frecker, President.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on Wednesday, June 21, 2006, the Committee resumed its study of Refugee Issues - Federal Court back logs.

Raymond Guénette made a statement, and with Wayne Garnons-Williams, answered questions.

At 9:56 a.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 10:10 a.m., the sitting resumed.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on Wednesday, June 21, 2006, the Committee resumed its study of Refugee Issues.

John Frecker made a statement and answered questions.

At 10:56 a.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 10:57 a.m., the sitting resumed.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

Jim Karygiannis moved, — That the Committee invite the following Citizenship judges to appear as witnesses, pursuant to Standing Orders 110 and 111:

- George Springate
- Renata Brum Bozzi
- Mina Fung
- Raminder Gill

and that the Committee invite from the Immigration and Refugee Board:

- Michel Jobin

- Anna Maria Silvestri Corriveau.

After debate, the question was put on the motion and it was agreed to.

Bill Siksay moved, — Whereas the marriage of gay and lesbian couples is legal in Canada;

And whereas gay and lesbian couples can also be married legally in The Netherlands, Belgium, Spain, South Africa, and the Commonwealth of Massachusetts in the United States of America;

And whereas it is the current policy of the Department of Citizenship and Immigration to not recognize marriages of gay and lesbian couples solemnized outside Canada for the purposes of an immigration application and instead requires those legally married couples to apply as common-law or conjugal partners;

And whereas, the House of Commons recently refused to call on the Government to reconsider the Civil Marriage Act passed by the 38th Parliament;

Therefore, be it resolved that the Standing Committee on Citizenship and Immigration calls on the Minister of Citizenship and Immigration to immediately rescind the CIC Interim Policy and recognize legal marriages of gay and lesbian couples performed in jurisdictions outside Canada for purposes of immigration in exactly the same way as the legal marriages of heterosexual couples are recognized.

And be it further resolved that the Minister of Citizenship and Immigration be asked to respond, in writing, to members of this Committee, within a reasonable period of time, outlining the Department's actions in light of the passage of this motion.

And be it further resolved that the Chair of the Standing Committee on Citizenship and Immigration report this motion to House of Commons.

Debate arose thereon.

Ed Komarnicki moved, — That the motion be amended in the fifth paragraph by adding after the word "recognized", the following:

"provided they are also recognized as legal marriages in Canada".

After debate, the question was put on the amendment of Ed Komarnicki and it was negatived.

After debate, the question was put on the motion and it was agreed to.

At 11:30 a.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

William Farrell
Clerk of the Committee

2006/12/13 11:36 a.m.

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**STANDING COMMITTEE ON CITIZENSHIP AND
IMMIGRATION**

Chair: Norman Doyle.

Meeting No. 30

Tuesday, January 30, 2007



ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Orders 110 and 111, the Committee commenced consideration of the Order in Council appointments George Springate, Renata Brum Bozzi, Mina Fung and Raminder Gill to the positions of Citizenship judges which was referred to the Committee on Friday, November 10, 2006.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Omar Alghabra,
Barry Devolin,
Norman Doyle,
Meili Faille,
Raymond Gravel,
Nina Grewal,
Rahim Jaffer,
Hon. Jim Karygiannis,
Ed Komarnicki,
Bill Siksay,
Hon. Andrew Telegdi
and Blair Wilson.

IN ATTENDANCE:

House of Commons:
Samy Agha, Committee Clerk.
Library of Parliament:

Andrew Kitching, Analyst;
Trupati Patel, Analyst.

WITNESSES:

As Individuals:

Renata Brum Bozzi, Citizenship Judge, Mississauga CIC Office,
Citizenship Commission;
Raminder Gill, Citizenship Judge, Toronto (St-Clair) CIC Office,
Citizenship Commission.

Department of Citizenship and Immigration:

Michel C. Simard, Senior Citizenship Judge, Office of the Senior
Citizenship Judge, Citizenship Commission.

As Individuals:

George Springate, Citizenship Judge, Montreal CIC Office,
Citizenship Commission;
Mina Yung-Fung, Citizenship Judge, Mississauga CIC Office,
Citizenship Commission.

William Farrell
Clerk of the Committee

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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 30

Tuesday, January 30, 2007

The Standing Committee on Citizenship and Immigration met at 11:16 a.m. this day, in Room 269, West Block, the Chair, Norman Doyle, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Omar Alhabra, Barry Devolin, Norman Doyle, Meili Faille, Raymond Gravel, Nina Grewal, Rahim Jaffer, Hon. Jim Karygiannis, Ed Komarnicki, Bill Siksay, Hon. Andrew Telegdi and Blair Wilson.

In attendance: House of Commons: Samy Agha, Committee Clerk. *Library of Parliament:* Andrew Kitching, Analyst; Trupati Patel, Analyst.

Witnesses: As individuals: Renata Brum Bozzi, Citizenship Judge, Mississauga CIC Office, Citizenship Commission; Raminder Gill, Citizenship Judge, Toronto (St-Clair) CIC Office, Citizenship Commission. *Department of Citizenship and Immigration:* Michel C. Simard, Senior Citizenship Judge, Office of the Senior Citizenship Judge, Citizenship Commission. *As individuals:* George Springate, Citizenship Judge, Montreal CIC Office, Citizenship Commission; Mina Yung-Fung, Citizenship Judge, Mississauga CIC Office, Citizenship Commission.

Pursuant to Standing Orders 110 and 111, the Committee commenced consideration of the Order in Council appointments George Springate, Renata Brum Bozzi, Mina Fung and Raminder Gill to the positions of Citizenship judges which was referred to the Committee on Friday, November 10, 2006.

The witnesses made statements and answered questions.

Debate arose thereon.

A point of order was raised regarding the procedural admissibility of certain questions posed to a witness.

The Chair ruled the questions out of order because they were concerned with the political affiliation of the appointee, which went beyond the scope of the committee's examination of Order-in-Council appointees.

The Chair ruled the questions out of order because they went beyond the scope of the committee's examination of Order-in-Council appointees, which is limited to the qualifications and competence to perform the duties of the post.

Whereupon, Jim Karygiannis appealed the decision of the Chair. The question: "Shall the decision of the Chair be sustained?" was put and the decision was upheld by a show of hands: YEAS: 7; NAYS: 4.

At 1:18 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

William Farrell
Clerk of the Committee

2007/01/31 2:00 p.m.

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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

**STANDING COMMITTEE ON CITIZENSHIP AND
IMMIGRATION**

Chair: Norman Doyle.

Meeting No. 31

Thursday, February 1, 2007

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on Wednesday, June 21, 2006, the Committee resumed its study of Refugee Issues.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Omar Alghabra,
Norman Doyle,
Meili Faille,
Raymond Gravel,
Nina Grewal,
Rahim Jaffer,
Hon. Jim Karygiannis,
Ed Komarnicki,
Bill Siksay,
Hon. Andrew Telegdi
and Blair Wilson.

ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

David Sweet for Barry Devolin.

IN ATTENDANCE:

House of Commons:

Samy Agha, Committee Clerk.

Library of Parliament:

Andrew Kitching, Analyst.

*Subcommittee on Agenda and Procedure of the Standing Committee on
Citizenship and Immigration:*

Trupati Patel, Analyst.

WITNESSES:

Mennonite Central Committee Canada:

Ed Wiebe, Coordinator, National Refugee Program.

The United Church of Canada:

Sarah Angus, Member, Justice, Peace and Advisory Committee;
Heather Macdonald, Program Coordinator, Refugee and Migration,
Justice and Global Ecumenical Relations.

Elected Sponsorship Agreement Holders:

Martin Mark Ill, Coordinator, Refugee Sponsorship, Catholic
Crosscultural Services, Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Toronto;
Carolyn Vanderlip, Coordinator, Refugee Sponsorship, Anglican
Diocese of Niagara.

William Farrell
Clerk of the Committee

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Meeting No. 31

Thursday, February 1, 2007

The Standing Committee on Citizenship and Immigration met at 11:05 a.m. this day, in Room 371, West Block, the Chair, Norman Doyle, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Omar Alghabra, Norman Doyle, Meili Faille, Raymond Gravel, Nina Grewal, Rahim Jaffer, Hon. Jim Karygiannis, Ed Komarnicki, Bill Siksay, Hon. Andrew Telegdi and Blair Wilson.

Acting Members present: David Sweet for Barry Devolin.

In attendance: House of Commons: Samy Agha, Committee Clerk. *Library of Parliament:* Andrew Kitching, Analyst. *Subcommittee on Agenda and Procedure of the Standing Committee on Citizenship and Immigration:* Trupati Patel, Analyst.

Witnesses: Mennonite Central Committee Canada: Ed Wiebe, Coordinator, National Refugee Program. *The United Church of Canada:* Sarah Angus, Member, Justice, Peace and Advisory Committee; Heather Macdonald, Program Coordinator, Refugee and Migration, Justice and Global Ecumenical Relations. *Elected Sponsorship Agreement Holders:* Martin Mark III, Coordinator, Refugee Sponsorship, Catholic Crosscultural Services, Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Toronto; Carolyn Vanderlip, Coordinator, Refugee Sponsorship, Anglican Diocese of Niagara.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on Wednesday, June 21, 2006, the Committee resumed its study of Refugee Issues - Private Sponsorship.

The witnesses made statements and answered questions.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

The Chair presented the Fifth Report from the Subcommittee on Agenda and Procedure which read as follows:

That the Committee undertake a study entitled "Loss of Canadian Citizenship 1947, 1977 and 2007"

That the Hearings be televised if possible and that the Committee sit on the following dates:

Monday, February 12, 2007 from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

- Minister and Senior Officials from the Department of Citizenship and Immigration

Monday, February 19, 2007 from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

- Interested groups and/or individuals

Monday, February 26, 2007 from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

- Interested groups and/or individuals

That Members provide the Clerk names and contact numbers of interested groups and individuals no later than 12:00 noon, Tuesday, February 6, 2007

Debate arose thereon.

Jim Karygiannis moved that the report be amended by adding at the beginning of the Report the words:

“Whereas countless Canadians have lost their Canadian citizenship under Section 8 of the Citizenship Act.

And Whereas the Committee asks the Minister of Citizenship and Immigration to advise the Committee what measures are being taken to ensure that these Canadians regain their citizenship“.

After debate, the question was put on the amendment, and it was agreed to.

Ed Komarnicki moved that the Report be amended by replacing the words:

“that the Committee sit on the following dates:

Monday, February 12, 2007 from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Minister and Senior Officials from the Department of Citizenship and Immigration

Monday, February 19, 2007 from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Interested groups and/or individuals

Monday, February 26, 2007 from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Interested groups and/or individuals

with “ “that the meetings suggested by the Steering Committee be two in number, unless the Committee decides otherwise, and that the meetings take place on a Tuesday or Thursday immediately following the February 6th meeting“.

After debate, the question was put on the amendment of Ed Komarnicki and it was negated, by a show of hands: YEAS: 5; NAYS: 6.

The question was put on the main motion, as amended, and it was agreed to.

At 1:00 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

William Farrell
Clerk of the Committee

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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS
**STANDING COMMITTEE ON CITIZENSHIP AND
IMMIGRATION**

Chair: Norman Doyle.

Meeting No. 32

Tuesday, February 6, 2007

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Orders 110 and 111, the Committee commenced consideration of the Order in Council appointments of Michel Jobin and Anna Maria Silvestri Corriveau to the positions of full members of the Immigration and Refugee Board which was referred to the Committee on Friday, November 10, 2006.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Omar Alghabra,
Barry Devolin,
Norman Doyle,
Meili Faille,
Raymond Gravel,
Nina Grewal,
Hon. Jim Karygiannis,
Ed Komarnicki,
Bill Siksay,
Hon. Andrew Telegdi
and Blair Wilson.

ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

Daryl Kramp for Rahim Jaffer.

IN ATTENDANCE:

House of Commons:

Georges Etoka, Committee Clerk.

Library of Parliament:

Andrew Kitching, Analyst;

Trupati Patel, Analyst.

WITNESSES:

Immigration and Refugee Board of Canada:

François Guilbault, Senior Legal Advisor.

As Individuals:

Michel Jobin, Full-time member, Immigration and Refugee Board (Montréal Regional Office);

Anna Maria Silvestri Corriveau, Full-time member, Immigration and Refugee Board (Montréal Regional Office).

Samy Agha
Committee Clerk

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Meeting No. 32

Tuesday, February 6, 2007

The Standing Committee on Citizenship and Immigration met at 11:01 a.m. this day, in Room 308, West Block, the Chair, Norman Doyle, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Omar Alghabra, Barry Devolin, Norman Doyle, Meili Faille, Raymond Gravel, Nina Grewal, Hon. Jim Karygiannis, Ed Komarnicki, Bill Siksay, Hon. Andrew Telegdi and Blair Wilson.

Acting Members present: Daryl Kramp for Rahim Jaffer.

In attendance: House of Commons: Georges Etoka, Committee Clerk. *Library of Parliament:* Andrew Kitching, Analyst; Trupati Patel, Analyst.

Witnesses: Immigration and Refugee Board of Canada: François Guilbault, Senior Legal Advisor. *As individuals:* Michel Jobin, Full-time member, Immigration and Refugee Board (Montréal Regional Office); Anna Maria Silvestri Corriveau, Full-time member, Immigration and Refugee Board (Montréal Regional Office).

Pursuant to Standing Orders 110 and 111, the Committee commenced consideration of the Order in Council appointments of Michel Jobin and Anna Maria Silvestri Corriveau to the positions of full members of the Immigration and Refugee Board which was referred to the Committee on Friday, November 10, 2006.

The witnesses made statements and answered questions.

At 12:44 p.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 12:45 p.m., the sitting resumed.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

Bill Siksay moved, — Whereas the Standing Committee on Citizenship and Immigration has a mandate to consider issues raised by the use of security certificates under the Immigration and Refugee Protection Act;

Whereas the Standing Committee on Citizenship and Immigration has visited the Kingston Immigration Holding Centre (KIHC), where three of those subject to security certificate are currently held;

Whereas a life-threatening hunger strike by KIHC detainees Mohammad Mahjoub (day 75), Mahmoud Jaballah (64) and Hassan Almrei (64) has long passed a critical stage;

Whereas a key complaint of the detainees is the lack of an independent ombudsman, a concern originally flagged by the 2005/2006 annual report of the Office of the Correctional Investigator that found "the detainees...no longer have the benefits and legal protections afforded by ombudsman

legislation."

Therefore be it resolved that the Standing Committee on Citizenship and Immigration:

- a. acknowledge the emergency nature of the hunger strike and open discussion with regard to a resolution;
- b. call on the Government of Canada and the Minister of Public Safety and the Minister of Citizenship and Immigration to mandate the Office of the Correctional Investigator, which has jurisdiction over all federal inmates except for those held at the Kingston Immigration Holding Centre, to now assume jurisdiction over the KIHCC, investigate current and ongoing complaints of those currently on hunger strike, and prepare an independent set of recommendations for resolution of said grievances.

And be it further resolved that the Minister of Public Safety and the Minister of Citizenship and Immigration be asked to respond urgently in writing, to members of this Committee, outlining the Department's actions in light of the passage of this motion.

And be it further resolved that the Chair of the Standing Committee on Citizenship and Immigration report this motion to the House of Commons..

Debate arose thereon.

Jim Karygiannis moved, — That the motion be amended by adding the words "specifically urgently addressing issues such as:

- 1) Medical attention in the living unit by Medical Licensed Practitioners namely doctors in the living unit;
- 2) Detainees be released before dawn from their cells in order for them to be able to observe religious prayers as called by their religion;
- 3) They be allowed conjugal visits as it is offered to inmates;
- 4) They be allowed to access canteen facilities adhering to their religious beliefs;
- 5) Daily head count should be done away with immediately;
- 6) When transferred from the living unit to the administration building, be also accompanied by a supervisor from Correctional Services Canada;

before the words "and prepare an independent set of recommendations for resolution of said grievances.", and the words "And be it further resolved that these protocols be put in place on a permanent basis in order to deal with these detainees and any future such cases" before the last paragraph.

The Chair ruled the amendment as inadmissible because its contents do not fall under the Committee's mandate and powers.

Whereupon, Jim Karygiannis appealed the decision of the Chair. The question : "Shall the decision of the Chair be sustained?"

The question was put and the decision was negatived by a show of hands: YEAS: 7; NAYS: 4. .

The question was put on the amendment of Jim Karygiannis and it was agreed to, by a show of hands:

YEAS: 7; NAYS: 4.

The question was put on the motion, as amended, and it was agreed to on the following recorded division: YEAS: Omar Alghabra, Meili Faille, Raymond Gravel, Jim Karygiannis, Bill Siksay, Andrew Telegdi, Blair Wilson — 7; NAYS: Barry Devolin, Nina Grewal, Ed Komarnicki, Daryl Kramp — 4.

At 1:03 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Samy Agha
Committee Clerk

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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

**STANDING COMMITTEE ON CITIZENSHIP AND
IMMIGRATION**

Chair: Norman Doyle.

Meeting No. 33

Thursday, February 8, 2007

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on Wednesday, June 21, 2006, the Committee resumed its study of Refugee Issues.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Omar Alghabra,
Barry Devolin,
Norman Doyle,
Meili Faille,
Raymond Gravel,
Nina Grewal,
Hon. Jim Karygiannis,
Ed Komarnicki,
Bill Siksay,
Hon. Andrew Telegdi
and Blair Wilson.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:

Andrew Kitching, Analyst.

*Subcommittee on Agenda and Procedure of the Standing Committee on
Citizenship and Immigration:*

Trupati Patel, Analyst.

Standing Committee on Citizenship and Immigration:

William Farrell, Clerk of the Committee.

WITNESSES:

Harvard Law School:

Deborah Anker, Clinical Professor of Law, Immigration and
Refugee Program;

Efrat Arbel, Research Assistant to Deborah Anker, Immigration
and Refugee Clinical Program.

As an Individual:

Francisco Rico-Martinez, Co-Director, FCJ Refugee Centre.

Deborah Anker and Francisco Rico-Martinez made statements and answered questions.

Samy Agha
Committee Clerk

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Meeting No. 33

Thursday, February 8, 2007

The Standing Committee on Citizenship and Immigration met at 11:00 a.m. this day, in Room 209, West Block, the Chair, Norman Doyle, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Omar Alghabra, Barry Devolin, Norman Doyle, Meili Faille, Raymond Gravel, Nina Grewal, Hon. Jim Karygiannis, Ed Komarnicki, Bill Siksay, Hon. Andrew Telegdi and Blair Wilson.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Andrew Kitching, Analyst. *Subcommittee on Agenda and Procedure of the Standing Committee on Citizenship and Immigration:* Trupati Patel, Analyst. *Standing Committee on Citizenship and Immigration:* William Farrell, Clerk of the Committee.

Witnesses: Harvard Law School: Deborah Anker, Clinical Professor of Law, Immigration and Refugee Program; Efrat Arbel, Research Assistant to Deborah Anker, Immigration and Refugee Clinical Program. *As an individual:* Francisco Rico-Martinez, Co-Director, FCJ Refugee Centre.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on Wednesday, June 21, 2006, the Committee resumed its study of Refugee Issues - Safe Third Country Agreement.

Deborah Anker and Francisco Rico-Martinez made statements and answered questions.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

Jim Karygiannis moved, — That the Committee visit the Detention Center in Kingston to see the detainees and observe their health in the immediate future.

After debate, the question was put on the motion and it was agreed to.

On motion of Jim Karygiannis, it was agreed, — That the proposed budget in the amount of \$9,066, for the Committee's travel to Kingston on February 12, 2007, be adopted.

On motion of Bill Siksay, it was agreed, — That the proposed budget in the amount of \$ 65,200 for the study on the Loss of Canadian Citizenship in the years 1947, 1977 and 2007, be adopted.

Jim Karygiannis read into the record the following notice of motion:

In View of STCA clearly not working and countries that are signatories to Refugee Protection under UNHCR having different measures and ways to determine Refugee Claimant determination be it in the Americas, Europe or other parts of the world, this Committee asks that the Minister of Citizenship and Immigration takes these concerns to the United Nations and asks for protocols to be set where guidelines and protocols be set for countries signatory to the UNHCR Refugee Protection to follow in a manner which is similar across the board.

Further the Minister to ask UNHCR for an ombudsman to monitor cases and provide guidance to

countries and share the best practices with all countries involved.

On motion of Andrew Telegdi, it was agreed, — That, in regards to its study on the Loss of Canadian Citizenship in the years 1947, 1977 and 2007, the Committee adopt the following schedule:

Monday, February 19, 2007

- Minister and Senior Officials from the Department of Citizenship and Immigration

Monday, February 26, 2007

- Interested groups and individuals

Monday, March 19, 2007

- Interested groups and individuals

Monday, March 26, 2007

- Interested groups and individuals

and that the meetings take place from 11:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

At 1:10 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Samy Agha
Committee Clerk

2007/02/12 7:50 a.m.

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**STANDING COMMITTEE ON CITIZENSHIP AND
IMMIGRATION**

Chair: Norman Doyle.

Meeting No. 34

Tuesday, February 13, 2007

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on Wednesday, June 21, 2006, the Committee resumed its study of Refugee Issues.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Omar Alghabra,
Barry Devolin,
Norman Doyle,
Meili Faille,
Raymond Gravel,
Nina Grewal,
Rahim Jaffer,
Hon. Jim Karygiannis,
Ed Komarnicki,
Bill Siksay,
Hon. Andrew Telegdi
and Blair Wilson.

ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

Hon. Larry Bagnell for Blair Wilson,
Robert Carrier for Meili Faille,
and Olivia Chow for Bill Siksay.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:

Trupati Patel, Analyst;
Andrew Kitching, Analyst.

House of Commons:

William Farrell, Committee Clerk.

WITNESSES:

Amnesty International Canada:

Claudette Cardinal, Coordinator, Refugees, Canadian Francophone
Section.

*Table de concertation des organismes au service des personnes réfugiées
et immigrantes:*

Richard Goldman, Coordinator, Refugee Protection.

Samy Agha
Committee Clerk

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PROCÈS-VERBAL

Séance n° 34

Le mardi 13 février 2007

Le Comité permanent de la citoyenneté et de l'immigration se réunit aujourd'hui à 11 h 1, dans la pièce 209 de l'édifice de l'Ouest, sous la présidence de Norman Doyle, président.

Membres du Comité présents : Omar Alghabra, Barry Devolin, Norman Doyle, Meili Faille, Raymond Gravel, Nina Grewal, Rahim Jaffer, l'hon. Jim Karygiannis, Ed Komarnicki, Bill Siksay, l'hon. Andrew Telegdi et Blair Wilson.

Membres substitués présents : L'hon. Larry Bagnell remplace Blair Wilson, Robert Carrier remplace Meili Faille et Olivia Chow remplace Bill Siksay.

Aussi présents : *Bibliothèque du Parlement* : Trupati Patel, analyste; Andrew Kitching, analyste.
Chambre des communes : William Farrell, greffier de comité.

Témoins : *Amnistie internationale Canada* : Claudette Cardinal, coordinatrice, Réfugiés, Section canadienne francophone. *Table de concertation des organismes au service des personnes réfugiées et immigrantes* : Richard Goldman, responsable, Volet Protection.

Conformément à l'article 108(2) du Règlement et à la motion adoptée par le Comité le mercredi 21 juin 2006, le Comité reprend son étude sur les questions touchant les réfugiés - Déportation forcée - Évaluation des risques avant renvoi.

Les témoins font des déclarations et répondent aux questions.

À 12 h 37, la séance est suspendue.

À 12 h 38, la séance reprend.

Le Comité entreprend l'examen de questions relatives aux travaux du Comité.

Andrew Telegdi propose, — Que le 10e Rapport (la révocation de citoyenneté) et le 12e Rapport (Moderniser la loi sur la citoyenneté du Canada) du Comité dans la 1re session de la 38e législature soit adopté à titre des rapports du Comité dans la session courante; et que le président présente les rapports à la Chambre.

Après débat, du consentement unanime, la motion est réservée.

Jim Karygiannis propose, — Étant donné que l'Entente sur les tiers pays sûrs ne fonctionne manifestement pas, et des pays des Amériques, de l'Europe et ailleurs dans le monde, qui sont signataires de la protection des réfugiés relevant du Haut Commissariat des Nations Unies pour les réfugiés, ont des façons différentes de déterminer le statut de revendicateur de statut de réfugié.

Qu'il soit résolu que le Comité demande à la ministre de la Citoyenneté et de l'Immigration de porter cette question aux Nations Unies et de demander à ce qu'on établisse des protocoles et des lignes

directrices uniformes pour l'ensemble des pays signataires au Haut Commissariat des Nations Unies pour les réfugiés.

Qu'il soit de plus résolu que la ministre de la Citoyenneté et de l'Immigration demande au Haut Commissariat des Nations Unies pour les réfugiés de nommer un ombudsman afin de surveiller les cas, de conseiller les pays, et de leur faire connaître les pratiques exemplaires.

La motion est mise aux voix et rejetée, par un vote à main levée : POUR : 1; CONTRE : 10.

À 12 h 52, le Comité s'ajourne jusqu'à nouvelle convocation par la présidence.

Greffier de comité,

Samy Agha

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STANDING COMMITTEE ON CITIZENSHIP AND
IMMIGRATION

Vice-Chair: Andrew Telegdi.

Meeting No. 35

Thursday, February 15, 2007

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on Tuesday, September 26, 2006, the Committee resumed its study of Detention Centers - Security Certificates.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Omar Alghabra,
Meili Faille,
Raymond Gravel,
Rahim Jaffer,
Hon. Jim Karygiannis,
Ed Komarnicki,
Bill Siksay,
Hon. Andrew Telegdi
and Blair Wilson.

ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

Mike Allen for Norman Doyle,
Garry Breitkreuz for Nina Grewal,
Rick Dykstra for Rahim Jaffer,
and Steven John Fletcher for Barry Devolin.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:

Andrew Kitching, Analyst;
Trupati Patel, Analyst.

Samy Agha
Committee Clerk

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Meeting No. 35

Thursday, February 15, 2007

The Standing Committee on Citizenship and Immigration met *in camera* at 11:06 a.m. this day, in Room 209, West Block, the Vice-Chair, Andrew Telegdi, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Omar Alghabra, Meili Faille, Raymond Gravel, Rahim Jaffer, Hon. Jim Karygiannis, Ed Komarnicki, Bill Siksay, Hon. Andrew Telegdi and Blair Wilson.

Acting Members present: Mike Allen for Norman Doyle, Garry Breitkreuz for Nina Grewal, Rick Dykstra for Rahim Jaffer and Steven John Fletcher for Barry Devolin.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Andrew Kitching, Analyst; Trupati Patel, Analyst.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on Tuesday, September 26, 2006, the Committee resumed its study of Detention Centers - Security Certificates.

The Committee commenced consideration of a draft report.

At 12:45 p.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 12:47 p.m., the sitting resumed in public.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

Jim Karygiannis moved, — That the Committee calls Government officials to provide evidence on the detainees in Kingston and what the Department of Citizenship and Immigration Canada and the Canada Border Services Agency have on them, and that the meeting be held *in camera*.

After debate, the question was put on the motion and it was negatived on the following recorded division: YEAS: Jim Karygiannis, Blair Wilson — 2; NAYS: Omar Alghabra, Mike Allen, Garry Breitkreuz, Rick Dykstra, Meili Faille, Steven John Fletcher, Raymond Gravel, Ed Komarnicki, Bill Siksay — 9.

Jim Karygiannis moved, — That the Committee calls the five guards (Macdonald, Noble, Loft, Munroe, and McRae) to testify on detainee treatment, and that the witnesses be sworn in under oath.

After debate, the question was put on the motion and it was negatived on the following recorded division: YEAS: Jim Karygiannis — 1; NAYS: Omar Alghabra, Mike Allen, Garry Breitkreuz, Rick Dykstra, Meili Faille, Steven John Fletcher, Raymond Gravel, Ed Komarnicki, Bill Siksay, Blair Wilson — 10.

Jim Karygiannis moved, — That three individuals (directors) responsible for decisions on running the facility from the Department on Citizenship and Immigration Canada, the Canada Border Services Agency and the Correctional Services be brought before the Committee.

After debate, the question was put on the motion and it was negatived on the following recorded

division: YEAS: Jim Karygiannis, Blair Wilson — 2; NAYS: Omar Alhabra, Mike Allen, Garry Breitkreuz, Rick Dykstra, Meili Faille, Steven John Fletcher, Raymond Gravel, Ed Komarnicki, Bill Siksay — 9.

At 1:03 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Samy Agha
Committee Clerk

2007/02/15 3:07 p.m.

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IMMIGRATION

Chair: Norman Doyle.

Meeting No. 36

Monday, February 19, 2007

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on Thursday, February 1, 2007, the Committee its study of Loss of Canadian Citizenship for the years 1947, 1977 and 2007 .

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Omar Alghabra,
Barry Devolin,
Norman Doyle,
Meili Faille,
Raymond Gravel,
Rahim Jaffer,
Hon. Jim Karygiannis,
Ed Komarnicki,
Bill Siksay
and Hon. Andrew Telegdi.

ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

Raymonde Folco for Blair Wilson,
and Bev Shipley for Nina Grewal.

OTHER MEMBERS PRESENT:

Hon. John McKay.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:
Andrew Kitching, Analyst;
Trupati Patel, Analyst.

APPEARING:

Hon. Diane Finley, Minister of Citizenship and Immigration.

WITNESSES:

Lost Canadian Organization:
Don Chapman.

Department of Citizenship and Immigration:
Richard Fadden, Deputy Minister.

Samy Agha, William Farrell
Clerks of the Committee

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Meeting No. 36

Monday, February 19, 2007

The Standing Committee on Citizenship and Immigration met in a televised session at 11:01 a.m. this day, in Room 253-D, Centre Block, the Chair, Norman Doyle, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Omar Alghabra, Barry Devolin, Norman Doyle, Meili Faille, Raymond Gravel, Rahim Jaffer, Hon. Jim Karygiannis, Ed Komarnicki, Bill Siksay and Hon. Andrew Telegdi.

Acting Members present: Raymonde Folco for Blair Wilson and Bev Shipley for Nina Grewal.

Other Members present: Hon. John McKay.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Andrew Kitching, Analyst; Trupati Patel, Analyst.

Appearing: Hon. Diane Finley, Minister of Citizenship and Immigration.

Witnesses: Lost Canadian Organization: Don Chapman. *Department of Citizenship and Immigration:* Richard Fadden, Deputy Minister.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on Thursday, February 1, 2007, the Committee commenced its study of Loss of Canadian Citizenship for the years 1947, 1977 and 2007.

The Minister made a statement and, with the Deputy Minister, answered questions.

At 1:04 p.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 1:05 p.m., the sitting resumed.

Andrew Telegdi moved, — That the Committee continue sitting till 1:30 p.m. and receive testimony from Don Chapman.

The question was put on the motion and it was agreed to on the following recorded division: YEAS: Omar Alghabra, Meili Faille, Raymonde Folco, Raymond Gravel, Jim Karygiannis, Andrew Telegdi — 6; NAYS: Barry Devolin, Rahim Jaffer, Ed Komarnicki, Bev Shipley, Bill Siksay — 5.

The witness made a statement and answered questions.

At 1:30 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Samy Agha, William Farrell
Clerks of the Committee

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STANDING COMMITTEE ON CITIZENSHIP AND
IMMIGRATION

Chair: Norman Doyle.

Meeting No. 37

Tuesday, February 20, 2007

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on Tuesday, September 26, 2006, the Committee resumed its study of Detention Centers - Security Certificates.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Omar Alghabra,
Barry Devolin,
Norman Doyle,
Meili Faille,
Raymond Gravel,
Nina Grewal,
Rahim Jaffer,
Hon. Jim Karygiannis,
Ed Komarnicki,
Bill Siksay,
Hon. Andrew Telegdi
and Blair Wilson.

ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

Paule Brunelle for Raymond Gravel.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:

Andrew Kitching, Analyst.

Samy Agha
Committee Clerk

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Meeting No. 37

Tuesday, February 20, 2007

The Standing Committee on Citizenship and Immigration met *in camera* at 11:08 a.m. this day, in Room 209, West Block, the Chair, Norman Doyle, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Omar Alghabra, Barry Devolin, Norman Doyle, Meili Faille, Raymond Gravel, Nina Grewal, Rahim Jaffer, Hon. Jim Karygiannis, Ed Komarnicki, Bill Siksay, Hon. Andrew Telegdi and Blair Wilson.

Acting Members present: Paule Brunelle for Raymond Gravel.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Andrew Kitching, Analyst.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on Tuesday, September 26, 2006, the Committee resumed its study of Detention Centers - Security Certificates.

At 11:22 a.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 11:23 a.m., the sitting resumed in public.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

By unanimous consent, on motion of Bill Siksay, it was agreed, — That the Committee report to the House a breach of privilege of members that has resulted from the release of the confidential draft report on the Study on Detention Centers - Security Certificates; that the report indicate that media reports from last week included direct quotations from the confidential draft report; that reporters have indicated that they have copies of the confidential draft report; and that the Committee request that the House and the Standing Committee on Procedure and House Affairs investigate this matter further.

Ed Komarnicki moved, — That each member of the Committee be asked by the Chair whether he or she or his or her staff at his or her request released a confidential draft report on the Study on Detention Centres- Security Certificates to the press.

Debate arose thereon.

By unanimous consent, on motion of Bill Siksay, it was agreed, — That the motion be amended by adding after the word “that” the words “at the beginning of the next meeting on Thursday, February 22, 2007”.

By unanimous consent, after debate, the question was put on the motion, as amended, and it was agreed to.

At 11:47 a.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 11:49 a.m., the sitting resumed *in camera*.

The Committee resumed its study of Detention Centers - Security Certificates.

At 1:00 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Samy Agha
Committee Clerk

2007/02/21 3:34 p.m.

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**STANDING COMMITTEE ON CITIZENSHIP AND
IMMIGRATION**

Chair: Norman Doyle.

Meeting No. 38

Monday, February 26, 2007

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on Thursday, February 1, 2007, the Committee its study of Loss of Canadian Citizenship for the years 1947, 1977 and 2007 .

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Omar Alhabra,
Barry Devolin,
Norman Doyle,
Meili Faille,
Raymond Gravel,
Rahim Jaffer,
Hon. Jim Karygiannis,
Ed Komarnicki,
Bill Siksay,
Hon. Andrew Telegdi
and Blair Wilson.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:
Andrew Kitching, Analyst;
Trupati Patel, Analyst.

WITNESSES:

Lost Canadian Organization:

Don Chapman.

Mennonite Central Committee Canada:

Bill Janzen, Director, Ottawa Office;

Mary Boniferro, Documentation Worker, Aylmer (Ontario).

National Congress of Chinese Canadians:

David Choi, Director.

As Individuals:

Magali Castro-Gyr;

Rod Donaldson, Former Toronto Police Officer ;

Christine Eden, Chairperson, Air Force, Canadian Military Adult
Children Citizenship Status;

Barbara Porteous;

Joe Taylor;

Sheila Walshe.

Samy Agha
Clerks of the Committee

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Meeting No. 38

Monday, February 26, 2007

The Standing Committee on Citizenship and Immigration met in a televised session at 11:04 a.m. this day, in Room 269, West Block, the Chair, Norman Doyle, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Omar Alhabra, Barry Devolin, Norman Doyle, Meili Faille, Raymond Gravel, Rahim Jaffer, Hon. Jim Karygiannis, Ed Komarnicki, Bill Siksay, Hon. Andrew Telegdi and Blair Wilson.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Andrew Kitching, Analyst; Trupati Patel, Analyst.

Witnesses: Lost Canadian Organization: Don Chapman. *Mennonite Central Committee Canada:* Bill Janzen, Director, Ottawa Office; Mary Boniferno, Documentation Worker, Aylmer (Ontario). *National Congress of Chinese Canadians:* David Choi, Director. *As individuals:* Magali Castro-Gyr; Rod Donaldson, Former Toronto Police Officer ; Christine Eden, Chairperson, Air Force, Canadian Military Adult Children Citizenship Status; Barbara Porteous; Joe Taylor; Sheila Walshe.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on Thursday, February 1, 2007, the Committee its study of Loss of Canadian Citizenship for the years 1947, 1977 and 2007 .

The witnesses made statements and answered questions.

At 1:23 p.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 1:24 p.m., the sitting resumed *in camera*.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

It was agreed, — That the Committee adopt the 11th Report of the Committee - Question of Privilege, and that the Chair present the report to the House.

At 1:24 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Samy Agha
Clerks of the Committee

2007/02/26 3:41 p.m.

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Chair: Norman Doyle.

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Meeting No. 39

Tuesday, February 27, 2007

The Standing Committee on Citizenship and Immigration met *in camera* at 11:03 a.m. this day, in Room 308, West Block, the Chair, Norman Doyle, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Barry Devolin, Norman Doyle, Meili Faille, Raymond Gravel, Nina Grewal, Rahim Jaffer, Hon. Jim Karygiannis, Ed Komarnicki, Bill Siksay, Hon. Andrew Telegdi and Blair Wilson.

Acting Members present: Ruby Dhalla for Omar Alghabra.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Andrew Kitching, Analyst.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on Tuesday, September 26, 2006, the Committee resumed its study of Detention Centers - Security Certificates.

The Committee resumed consideration of a draft report.

At 1:02 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Samy Agha
Clerks of the Committee

2007/03/05 8:37 a.m.

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Vice-Chair: Andrew Telegdi.

Meeting No. 40

Thursday, March 1, 2007

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on Tuesday, September 26, 2006, the Committee resumed its study of Detention Centers - Security Certificates.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Omar Alghabra,
Barry Devolin,
Meili Faille,
Nina Grewal,
Rahim Jaffer,
Hon. Jim Karygiannis,
Ed Komarnicki,
Bill Siksay,
Hon. Andrew Telegdi
and Blair Wilson.

ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

Steven John Fletcher for Norman Doyle,
and Roger Gaudet for Raymond Gravel.

ASSOCIATE MEMBERS PRESENT:

Mike Allen
and Rick Dykstra.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:
Andrew Kitching, Analyst;
Trupati Patel, Analyst.

Samy Agha
Clerks of the Committee

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Meeting No. 40

Thursday, March 1, 2007

The Standing Committee on Citizenship and Immigration met *in camera* at 11:15 a.m. this day, in Room 209, West Block, the Vice-Chair, Andrew Telegdi, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Omar Alghabra, Barry Devolin, Meili Faille, Nina Grewal, Rahim Jaffer, Hon. Jim Karygiannis, Ed Komarnicki, Bill Siksay, Hon. Andrew Telegdi and Blair Wilson.

Acting Members present: Steven John Fletcher for Norman Doyle and Roger Gaudet for Raymond Gravel.

Associate Members present: Mike Allen and Rick Dykstra.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Andrew Kitching, Analyst; Trupati Patel, Analyst.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on Tuesday, September 26, 2006, the Committee resumed its study of Detention Centers - Security Certificates.

At 11:46 a.m., the Vice-Chair, Meili Faille took the Chair.

At 12:03, the Vice-Chair, Andrew Telegdi, took the Chair.

At 12:49 p.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 12:51 p.m., the sitting resumed in public, and the Vice-Chair, Meili Faille, took the Chair.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

Andrew Telegdi moved - That the committee invite Mr. Jean-Guy Fleury, Chairperson of the Immigration and Refugee Board to appear before the committee at the next scheduled meeting of the committee.

On motion of Bill Siksay, it was agreed, — That the motion be amended by adding the words “an extra meeting of the Committee during the week of March 19, 2007” after the words “appear before the committee at”.

On motion of Jim Karygiannis, it was agreed, — That the motion be amended by adding the words "and that the committee receive testimony from other witnesses should it be necessary and in light of the testimony of Jean-Guy Fleury", at the end of the motion.

Debate arose thereon.

The question was put on the motion, as amended, and it was agreed to on the following recorded division: YEAS: Omar Alghabra, Roger Gaudet, Jim Karygiannis, Bill Siksay, Andrew Telegdi, Blair Wilson — 6; NAYS: Barry Devolin, Steven John Fletcher, Nina Grewal, Rahim Jaffer, Ed Komarnicki

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The adopted motion read as follows:

That the Committee invite Jean-Guy Fleury, Chairperson of the Immigration and Refugee Board to appear before the Committee at an extra meeting of the Committee during the week of March 19, 2007, and that the Committee receive testimony from other witnesses should it be necessary and in light of the testimony of Jean-Guy Fleury.

At 1:04 p.m., the Vice-Chair, Andrew Telegdi, took the Chair.

At 1:05 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Samy Agha
Clerks of the Committee

2007/03/05 2:57 p.m.

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**STANDING COMMITTEE ON CITIZENSHIP AND
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Chair: Norman Doyle.

Meeting No. 41

Monday, March 19, 2007

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on Thursday, February 1, 2007, the Committee resumed its study of Loss of Canadian Citizenship for the years 1947, 1977 and 2007 .

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Omar Alghabra,
Barry Devolin,
Norman Doyle,
Meili Faille,
Raymond Gravel,
Nina Grewal,
Rahim Jaffer,
Hon. Jim Karygiannis,
Ed Komarnicki,
Bill Siksay,
Hon. Andrew Telegdi
and Blair Wilson.

ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

Réal Ménard for Raymond Gravel,
and Lloyd St. Amand for Omar Alghabra.

IN ATTENDANCE:

House of Commons:

William Farrell, Committee Clerk.

Library of Parliament:

Andrew Kitching, Analyst;
Trupati Patel, Analyst.

WITNESSES:

As Individuals:

Hon. Marlene Jennings, Member of Parliament, House of
Commons.

Lost Canadian Organization:

Don Chapman.

Lost Children of Canada:

Gail E. Forrest.

Mennonite Central Committee Canada:

Johan Teichroeb, Member , Private Citizen Leamington (Ontario);
Bill Janzen, Director, Ottawa Office.

As Individuals:

Marion Vermeersch, Lost Canadians (Child of war bride);
June Francis, Professor, Simon Fraser University.

Royal Canadian Legion:

Pierre Allard, Director, Service Bureau, Dominion Command;
Erl Kish, Dominion Vice-President.

Samy Agha, William Farrell
Clerks of the Committee

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Meeting No. 41

Monday, March 19, 2007

The Standing Committee on Citizenship and Immigration met at 11:01 a.m. this day, in Room 371, West Block, the Chair, Norman Doyle, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Omar Alghabra, Barry Devolin, Norman Doyle, Meili Faille, Raymond Gravel, Nina Grewal, Rahim Jaffer, Hon. Jim Karygiannis, Ed Komarnicki, Bill Siksay, Hon. Andrew Telegdi and Blair Wilson.

Acting Members present: Réal Ménard for Raymond Gravel and Lloyd St. Amand for Omar Alghabra.

In attendance: House of Commons: William Farrell, Committee Clerk. *Library of Parliament:* Andrew Kitching, Analyst; Trupati Patel, Analyst.

Witnesses: As an individual: Hon. Marlene Jennings, Member of Parliament, House of Commons. *Lost Canadian Organization:* Don Chapman. *Lost Children of Canada:* Gail E. Forrest. *Mennonite Central Committee Canada:* Johan Teichroeb, Member, Private Citizen Leamington (Ontario); Bill Janzen, Director, Ottawa Office. *As individuals:* Marion Vermeersch, Lost Canadians (Child of war bride); June Francis, Professor, Simon Fraser University. *Royal Canadian Legion:* Pierre Allard, Director, Service Bureau, Dominion Command; Erl Kish, Dominion Vice-President.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on Thursday, February 1, 2007, the Committee its study of Loss of Canadian Citizenship for the years 1947, 1977 and 2007.

Marlene Jennings, Don chapman, Gail Forrest, Johan Teichroeb and Bill Janzen made statements and answered questions.

At 12:10 p.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 12:12 p.m., the sitting resumed.

Marion Vermeersch, June Francis and Erl Kish made statements and answered questions.

At 1:03 p.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 1:07 p.m., the sitting resumed.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

Jim Karygiannis moved, — That the committee proceeds with and finalizes the report (Study on Detention Centres- Security Certificates), and in the mean time call for testimony from the five guards (at the Kingston Immigration Holding Centre) that were named in harassing the detainees.

After debate, the question was put on the motion and it was negatived on the following recorded division: YEAS: Jim Karygiannis, Lloyd St. Amand, Blair Wilson — 3; NAYS: Barry Devolin, Meili

Faille, Nina Grewal, Rahim Jaffer, Ed Komarnicki, Réal Ménard, Bill Siksay, Andrew Telegdi — 8.

At 1:16 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Samy Agha, William Farrell
Clerks of the Committee

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Chair: Norman Doyle.

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Meeting No. 42

Tuesday, March 20, 2007

The Standing Committee on Citizenship and Immigration met *in camera* at 11:06 a.m. this day, in Room 371, West Block, the Chair, Norman Doyle, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Omar Alghabra, Barry Devolin, Norman Doyle, Meili Faille, Raymond Gravel, Nina Grewal, Rahim Jaffer, Hon. Jim Karygiannis, Ed Komarnicki, Bill Siksay, Hon. Andrew Telegdi and Blair Wilson.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Andrew Kitching, Analyst; Trupati Patel, Analyst.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on Tuesday, September 26, 2006, the Committee resumed its study of Detention Centers - Security Certificates.

At 12:49 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Samy Agha
Clerks of the Committee

2007/03/20 3:41 p.m.

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Chair: Norman Doyle.

Meeting No. 43

Thursday, March 22, 2007

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on Wednesday, June 21, 2006, the Committee resumed its study of Refugee Issues.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Omar Alghabra,
Barry Devolin,
Norman Doyle,
Meili Faille,
Raymond Gravel,
Nina Grewal,
Rahim Jaffer,
Hon. Jim Karygiannis,
Ed Komarnicki,
Bill Siksay,
Hon. Andrew Telegdi
and Blair Wilson.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:

Andrew Kitching, Analyst;
Trupati Patel, Analyst.

Samy Agha
Clerks of the Committee

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Meeting No. 43

Thursday, March 22, 2007

The Standing Committee on Citizenship and Immigration met *in camera* at 11:11 a.m. this day, in Room 269, West Block, the Chair, Norman Doyle, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Omar Alghabra, Barry Devolin, Norman Doyle, Meili Faille, Raymond Gravel, Nina Grewal, Rahim Jaffer, Hon. Jim Karygiannis, Ed Komarnicki, Bill Siksay, Hon. Andrew Telegdi and Blair Wilson.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Andrew Kitching, Analyst; Trupati Patel, Analyst.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on Wednesday, June 21, 2006, the Committee resumed its study of Refugee Issues.

The Committee commenced consideration of a draft report.

At 12:30 p.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 12:31 p.m., the sitting resumed in public.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

The Chair presented the Sixth Report from the Subcommittee on Agenda and Procedure which read as follows:

The Subcommittee on Agenda and Procedure agreed that the Standing Committee on Citizenship and Immigration proceed with the following work plan:

Tuesday, March 27, 2007

- Adopt the Draft Report on the Study on Detention Centres and Security Certificates
- Bill C-280: - Receive testimony from departmental officials

Thursday March 29, 2007

- Bill C-280: Clause by Clause

Monday April 16, 2007

- Draft Report on the Loss of Canadian Citizenship, 1947, 1977, and 2007

Tuesday April 17 and Thursday, April 19, 2007

- Immigration Issues - IRB Appointment Process: Receive testimony from

- Jean-Guy Fleury (Former Chair of the IRB)
- Peter Showler (Former Chair of the IRB)
- One representative from the Advisory Panel for the selection of IRB Members
- One representative from the Canadian Council for Refugees
- One representative from the Canadian Bar Association
- One representative from the Quebec Bar Association

Monday April 23, 2007

- Draft Report on the Loss of Canadian Citizenship, 1947, 1977, and 2007

Tuesday April 24, 2007

- Briefing on Detainees: Receive Testimony from Ian MacDonald (Senior barrister with Garden Court Chambers in the UK)

Thursday April 26, 2007

- Draft Report on Refugee Issues

And that the Minister of Citizenship and Immigration be invited to present on the Main Estimates

After debate, it was agreed that the report be amended by adding after Thursday, March 29, 2007 - Bill C-280: "Receive testimony from , the Interim Chair of the IRB and a Professor that deals with refugee issues."

It was agreed that the word "Quebec Immigration Lawyers Association", go after Barreau du Québec.

The report was adopted as amended.

Jim Karygiannis moved, — That the Standing Committee on citizenship and Immigration ask the Minister, the Deputy Minister, and other appropriate officials from the Department of Citizenship and Immigration to appear before the Committee to further discuss the issue of Lost Canadians and the measures the Government is taking to notify potentially affected Canadians of the retention rule, with regards to the letter from Deputy Minister Richard B. Fadden, dated February 23, 2007, and that the letter be appended to the committee evidence.

After debate, it was agreed, that the motion be further discussed during the meeting of Monday, March 26, 2007.

At 1:01 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Samy Agha
Clerks of the Committee

2007/03/23 1:48 p.m.

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Chair: Norman Doyle.

Meeting No. 44

Monday, March 26, 2007

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on Thursday, February 1, 2007, the Committee resumed its study of Loss of Canadian Citizenship for the years 1947, 1977 and 2007 .

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Omar Alghabra,
Barry Devolin,
Norman Doyle,
Meili Faille,
Raymond Gravel,
Hon. Jim Karygiannis,
Ed Komarnicki,
Bill Siksay
and Hon. Andrew Telegdi.

ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

Harold Albrecht for Nina Grewal,
Bev Shipley for Rahim Jaffer,
and Lloyd St. Amand for Blair Wilson.

ASSOCIATE MEMBERS PRESENT:

Dean Del Mastro.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:

Andrew Kitching, Analyst.

WITNESSES:

Canadian War Brides:

Melynda Jarratt, Historian.

Lost Canadian Organization:

Don Chapman.

B.C. Civil Liberties Association:

Jason Gratl, President;

Christina Godlewska, Articled Student.

As Individuals:

Wendy Adams;

Charles Bosdet;

William Smith;

Christopher Veeman;

Barry Edmonston, Professor, Department of Sociology, University of Victoria;

Donald Galloway, Professor of Law, University of Victoria.

Samy Agha
Clerks of the Committee

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Meeting No. 44

Monday, March 26, 2007

The Standing Committee on Citizenship and Immigration met in a televised session at 10:59 a.m. this day, in Room 253-D, Centre Block, the Chair, Norman Doyle, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Omar Alghabra, Barry Devolin, Norman Doyle, Meili Faille, Raymond Gravel, Hon. Jim Karygiannis, Ed Komarnicki, Bill Siksay and Hon. Andrew Telegdi.

Acting Members present: Harold Albrecht for Nina Grewal, Bev Shipley for Rahim Jaffer and Lloyd St. Amand for Blair Wilson.

Associate Members present: Dean Del Mastro.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Andrew Kitching, Analyst.

Witnesses: Canadian War Brides: Melynda Jarratt, Historian. *Lost Canadian Organization:* Don Chapman. *B.C. Civil Liberties Association:* Jason Gratl, President; Christina Godlewska, Articled Student. *As individuals:* Wendy Adams; Charles Bosdet; William Smith; Christopher Veeman; Barry Edmonston, Professor, Department of Sociology, University of Victoria; Donald Galloway, Professor of Law, University of Victoria.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on Thursday, February 1, 2007, the Committee resumed its study of Loss of Canadian Citizenship for the years 1947, 1977 and 2007.

Panel I: Wendy Adams, Charles Bosdet, Melynda Jarratt, William Smith, Christopher Veeman and Don Chapman made statements and answered questions.

Panel II: Barry Edmonston, Donald Galloway, Jason Gratl and Christina Godlewska made statements and answered questions.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

Jim Karygiannis moved, — That the Standing Committee on citizenship and Immigration ask the Minister, the Deputy Minister, and other appropriate officials from the Department of Citizenship and Immigration to appear before the Committee to further discuss the issue of Lost Canadians and the measures the Government is taking to notify potentially affected Canadians of the retention rule, with regards to the letter from Deputy Minister Richard B. Fadden, dated February 23, 2007, and that the letter be appended to the committee evidence.

After debate, the question was put on the motion and it was agreed to on the following recorded division: YEAS: Omar Alghabra, Meili Faille, Raymond Gravel, Jim Karygiannis, Bill Siksay, Lloyd St. Amand, Andrew Telegdi — 7; NAYS: Harold Albrecht, Barry Devolin, Ed Komarnicki, Bev Shipley — 4.

At 1:14 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Samy Agha
Clerks of the Committee

2007/03/26 3:45 p.m.

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Chair: Norman Doyle.

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Meeting No. 45

Tuesday, March 27, 2007

The Standing Committee on Citizenship and Immigration met *in camera* at 11:05 a.m. this day, in Room 371, West Block, the Chair, Norman Doyle, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Omar Alghabra, Barry Devolin, Norman Doyle, Meili Faille, Raymond Gravel, Nina Grewal, Rahim Jaffer, Hon. Jim Karygiannis, Ed Komarnicki, Bill Siksay, Hon. Andrew Telegdi and Blair Wilson.

In attendance: House of Commons: William Farrell, Committee Clerk. Library of Parliament: Andrew Kitching, Analyst.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on Tuesday, September 26, 2006, the Committee resumed its study of Detention Centers - Security Certificates.

The Committee resumed consideration of a draft report.

It was agreed, that the Committee continue working on its draft report, and that the witnesses scheduled for today's meeting be asked to appear on Thursday, March 29, 2007, and that the meeting be extended by one hour.

It was agreed, — That the draft report, as amended, be adopted.

It was agreed, — That the Chair present the report to the House.

It was agreed, — That, pursuant to Standing Order 109, the Committee request the Government table a comprehensive response to the report.

It was agreed, — That the Chair, Clerk and Analyst be authorized to make such grammatical and editorial changes as may be necessary without changing the substance of the report.

It was agreed, — That the Committee append to its report dissenting or supplementary opinions provided that they are no more than 4 pages in length each, are in the same font, style, and type-size as the report, and submitted electronically in both official languages to the Clerk of the Committee, no later than Friday, March 30, 2007 at noon.

It was moved that, - That the committee hold a televised meeting Thursday, March 29, 2007 and invite the Members from Eglinton – Lawrence (Joe Volpe,) York West (Judy Sgro,) and Bourassa (Denis Coderre) to discuss Bill C-280, specifically addressing why as Ministers of Citizenship and Immigration the sections of the Immigration and Refugee Protection Act relevant to the Refugee Appeal Division were not implemented.

After debate, the question was put on the motion and it was negatived.

At 1:00 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Samy Agha
Clerks of the Committee

2007/03/28 1:08 p.m.

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Meeting No. 46

Thursday, March 29, 2007

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to the Order of Reference of Wednesday, March 21, 2007, the Committee commenced consideration of Bill C-280, An Act to Amend the Immigration and Refugee Protection Act (coming into force of sections 110, 111 and 171).

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Omar Alghabra,
Barry Devolin,
Norman Doyle,
Meili Faille,
Raymond Gravel,
Nina Grewal,
Rahim Jaffer,
Ed Komarnicki,
Bill Siksay,
Hon. Andrew Telegdi
and Blair Wilson.

ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

Hon. Dan McTeague for Hon. Jim Karygiannis,
and Hon. Raymond Simard for Omar Alghabra.

OTHER MEMBERS PRESENT:

Nicole Demers.

IN ATTENDANCE:

House of Commons:

William Farrell, Procedural Clerk.

Library of Parliament:

Andrew Kitching, Analyst.

WITNESSES:

Department of Citizenship and Immigration:

Malcolm Brown, Assistant Deputy Minister, Strategic and Program Policy;

Micheline Aucoin, Director General, Refugees Branch;

Eric Stevens, Legal Counsel, Legal Services.

Immigration and Refugee Board of Canada:

Paul Aterman, Director General, Operations Branch;

Krista Daley, Senior General Counsel.

As Individuals:

Stephen Gallagher, Lecturer, Department of Political Science, Concordia University;

Peter Showler, Professor, Faculty of Law, University of Ottawa.

Samy Agha
Clerks of the Committee

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Meeting No. 46

Thursday, March 29, 2007

The Standing Committee on Citizenship and Immigration met at 11:03 a.m. this day, in Room 308, West Block, the Chair, Norman Doyle, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Omar Alhabra, Barry Devolin, Norman Doyle, Meili Faille, Raymond Gravel, Nina Grewal, Rahim Jaffer, Ed Komarnicki, Bill Siksay, Hon. Andrew Telegdi and Blair Wilson.

Acting Members present: Hon. Dan McTeague for Hon. Jim Karygiannis and Hon. Raymond Simard for Omar Alhabra.

Other Members present: Nicole Demers.

In attendance: House of Commons: William Farrell, Committee Clerk. *Library of Parliament:* Andrew Kitching, Analyst.

Witnesses: Department of Citizenship and Immigration: Malcolm Brown, Assistant Deputy Minister, Strategic and Program Policy; Micheline Aucoin, Director General, Refugees Branch; Eric Stevens, Legal Counsel, Legal Services. *Immigration and Refugee Board of Canada:* Paul Aterman, Director General, Operations Branch; Krista Daley, Senior General Counsel. *As individuals:* Stephen Gallagher, Lecturer, Department of Political Science, Concordia University; Peter Showler, Professor, Faculty of Law, University of Ottawa.

Pursuant to the Order of Reference of Wednesday, March 21, 2007, the Committee commenced consideration of Bill C-280, An Act to Amend the Immigration and Refugee Protection Act (coming into force of sections 110, 111 and 171).

Malcolm Brown made a statement, and with Micheline Aucoin and Eric Stevens, answered questions.

Ed Komarnicki moved, — That the committee extend the hearing time of these particular witnesses so additional questions could be asked.

Debate arose thereon.

On a point of order, the chair ruled that there is no time limit on the length of speeches by members in committee.

The ruling of the chair was appealed. The question, shall the decision of the chair be sustained, was put. The decision of the Chair was negated by a show of hands: YEAS: 4; NAYS: 7.

After debate, the question was put on the motion and it was negated, by a show of hands: YEAS: 4; NAYS: 7.

At 12:02 p.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 12:11 p.m., the sitting resumed.

Paul Aterman made a statement and answered questions.

Andrew Telegdi moved, — That the Chair not receive any dilatory motions, quorum calls, or requests for unanimous consent, and proceed with the meeting as per the agenda and the timeline already established at the beginning of the committee's meeting.

Rahim Jaffer moved, — That the motion be amended by adding the words "unless there is a need to put more questions on this issue of implementing RAD" at the end of the motion.

On a point of order, the Chair ruled that there is no time limit on the length of speeches by members in committee.

The ruling of the chair was appealed. The question shall the decision of the chair be sustained was put. The decision of the Chair was negated by a show of hands: YEAS: 4; NAYS: 7.

Blair Wilson moved, — That the amendment by Mr. Jaffer be deleted and that the original motion be allowed to stand.

The chair ruled the sub amendment inadmissible as the appropriate course of action would be to vote against the amendment.

Debate on the amendment resumed.

On a point of order, the chair ruled that debate on the amendment would continue until no further members wish to speak to it.

The ruling of the chair was appealed. The question, shall the decision of the chair be sustained, was put. The decision of the Chair was negated by a show of hands: YEAS 4; NAYS 7.

The question was put on the amendment, and it was negated by a show of hands: YEAS 4; NAYS 7.

Ed Komarnicki moved, — That the motion be amended by adding the words "except that professor Peter Showler be allowed to testify at a later date", after the motion.

At 1:21 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Samy Agha
Clerks of the Committee

2007/04/03 10:17 a.m.

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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

**STANDING COMMITTEE ON CITIZENSHIP AND
IMMIGRATION**

Chair: Norman Doyle.

Meeting No. 47

Monday, April 16, 2007

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on Thursday, February 1, 2007, the Committee resumed its study of Loss of Canadian Citizenship for the years 1947, 1977 and 2007 .

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Omar Alghabra,
Norman Doyle,
Meili Faille,
Raymond Gravel,
Nina Grewal,
Rahim Jaffer,
Ed Komarnicki,
Bill Siksay
and Hon. Andrew Telegdi.

ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

Bruce Stanton for Barry Devolin,
and Lui Temelkovski for Hon. Jim Karygiannis.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:

Andrew Kitching, Analyst;

Trupati Patel, Analyst.

Samy Agha
Clerk of the Committee

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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 47

Monday, April 16, 2007

The Standing Committee on Citizenship and Immigration met *in camera* at 11:03 a.m. this day, in Room 209, West Block, the Chair, Norman Doyle, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Omar Alghabra, Norman Doyle, Meili Faille, Raymond Gravel, Nina Grewal, Rahim Jaffer, Ed Komarnicki, Bill Siksay and Hon. Andrew Telegdi.

Acting Members present: Bruce Stanton for Barry Devolin and Lui Temelkovski for Hon. Jim Karygiannis.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Andrew Kitching, Analyst; Trupati Patel, Analyst.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on Thursday, February 1, 2007, the Committee resumed its study of Loss of Canadian Citizenship for the years 1947, 1977 and 2007.

It was agreed, — That the next meeting on the study of the Loss Canadian Citizenship, 1947, 1977 and 2007 be held on Wednesday, April 25, 2007.

At 11:32 a.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 11:33 a.m., the sitting resumed in public.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

Rahim Jaffer moved, — That the committee invite the Members from Eglinton – Lawrence (Joe Volpe,) York West (Judy Sgro,) and Bourassa (Denis Coderre) to discuss the issue of Lost Canadians and the actions they undertook to deal with this problem while serving as Ministers of Citizenship and Immigration.

The question was put on the motion and it was negatived, by a show of hands: YEAS: 4; NAYS: 6.

Andrew Telegdi moved, — That the committee receive testimony from the following individuals and/or organizations in regards to its study on the Loss of Canadian Citizenship, 1947, 1977, and 2007:

- Rosemarie Redden - Manager, Citizenship Case Review, Department of Citizenship and Immigration Canada
- Eric Stevens - National Law Advisor, Legal Counsel, Department of Citizenship and Immigration Canada
- Margaret Dritsas – National Law Advisor, Department of Citizenship and Immigration Canada
- Clark Goodman – Acting Director, Citizenship and Immigration Program Delivery, Department of

Citizenship and Immigration Canada

- Mark Davidson – Director of Citizenship Policy, Department of Citizenship and Immigration Canada
- John Warner - Analyst, Department of Citizenship and Immigration Canada
- Rose Anne Poirier - Manager, Program Support, Case Processing Centre, Department of Citizenship and Immigration Canada – Sydney
- Melba Heffron - Case Processing centre, Department of Citizenship and Immigration Canada - Sydney
- A representative from the Citizenship and Immigration Canada Case Processing Centre – Sydney
- Hugh MacDonald .

On motion of Meili Faille, it was agreed, — That the motion be amended by adding the words “Representatives from the Institute for Canadian Citizenship”.

After debate, the question was put on the motion and it was agreed to, by a show of hands: YEAS: 6; NAYS: 4.

At 11:56 a.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Samy Agha
Clerk of the Committee

2007/04/16 3:05 p.m.

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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS
STANDING COMMITTEE ON CITIZENSHIP AND
IMMIGRATION

Chair: Norman Doyle.

Meeting No. 48

Tuesday, April 17, 2007

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee commenced its study of Immigration Issues.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Omar Alghabra,
Barry Devolin,
Norman Doyle,
Meili Faille,
Raymond Gravel,
Nina Grewal,
Ed Komarnicki,
Bill Siksay,
Hon. Andrew Telegdi
and Blair Wilson.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:
Andrew Kitching, Analyst;
Trupati Patel, Analyst.

WITNESSES:

As Individuals:

Peter Harrison, Senior Associate Deputy Minister, Indian and Northern Affairs Canada, Deputy Head, Indian Residential Schools Resolution Canada;

Nick Summers, Former member of the Immigration and Refugee Board of Canada Advisory Panel.

Samy Agha
Clerk of the Committee

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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 48

Tuesday, April 17, 2007

The Standing Committee on Citizenship and Immigration met at 11:15 a.m. this day, in Room 308, West Block, the Chair, Norman Doyle, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Omar Alghabra, Barry Devolin, Norman Doyle, Meili Faille, Raymond Gravel, Nina Grewal, Ed Komarnicki, Bill Siksay, Hon. Andrew Telegdi and Blair Wilson.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Andrew Kitching, Analyst; Trupati Patel, Analyst.

Witnesses: As individuals: Peter Harrison, Senior Associate Deputy Minister, Indian and Northern Affairs Canada, Deputy Head, Indian Residential Schools Resolution Canada; Nick Summers, Former member of the Immigration and Refugee Board of Canada Advisory Panel.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee resumed its study of Immigration Issues - Immigration and Refugee Board of Canada Appointment Process.

The witnesses made statements.

At 11:30 a.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 12:29 p.m., the sitting resumed, the Vice-Chair, the Hon. Andrew Telegdi, took the Chair.

At 12:33 p.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 1:21 p.m., the sitting resumed, the Chair, Norman Doyle, took the Chair.

The witnesses answered questions.

At 1:48 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Samy Agha
Clerk of the Committee

2007/04/17 3:13 p.m.

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**STANDING COMMITTEE ON CITIZENSHIP AND
IMMIGRATION**

Chair: Norman Doyle.

Meeting No. 49

Thursday, April 19, 2007

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee commenced its study of Immigration Issues.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

Pursuant to the Order of Reference of Wednesday, March 21, 2007, the Committee commenced consideration of Bill C-280, An Act to Amend the Immigration and Refugee Protection Act (coming into force of sections 110, 111 and 171).

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Omar Alghabra,
Barry Devolin,
Norman Doyle,
Meili Faille,
Raymond Gravel,
Nina Grewal,
Hon. Jim Karygiannis,
Ed Komarnicki,
Bill Siksay,
Hon. Andrew Telegdi
and Blair Wilson.

ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

Dave Batters for Rahim Jaffer.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:

Andrew Kitching, Analyst;
Trupati Patel, Analyst.

WITNESSES:

Quebec Immigration Lawyers Association (AQAAADI):

Joseph Allen, Attorney and President.

Canadian Council for Refugees:

Janet Dench, Executive Director.

Canadian Bar Association:

Stephen W. Green, Secretary, National Citizenship and
Immigration Law Section;
Tamra Thomson, Director, Legislation and Law Reform.

Samy Agha
Clerk of the Committee

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Meeting No. 49

Thursday, April 19, 2007

The Standing Committee on Citizenship and Immigration met at 11:08 a.m. this day, in Room 308, West Block, the Chair, Norman Doyle, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Omar Alghabra, Barry Devolin, Norman Doyle, Meili Faille, Raymond Gravel, Nina Grewal, Hon. Jim Karygiannis, Ed Komarnicki, Bill Siksay, Hon. Andrew Telegdi and Blair Wilson.

Acting Members present: Dave Batters for Rahim Jaffer.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Andrew Kitching, Analyst; Trupati Patel, Analyst.

Witnesses: Quebec Immigration Lawyers Association (AQAAI): Joseph Allen, Attorney and President. *Canadian Council for Refugees:* Janet Dench, Executive Director. *Canadian Bar Association:* Stephen W. Green, Secretary, National Citizenship and Immigration Law Section; Tamra Thomson, Director, Legislation and Law Reform.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee resumed its study of Immigration Issues - Immigration and Refugee Board of Canada Appointment Process.

The witnesses made statements and answered questions.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

Meili Faille moved, — That on Thursday, April 19, 2007, the Committee conduct clause by clause of Bill C-280.

Ed Komarnicki moved, — That the motion be amended by replacing the words “Thursday, April 19” with the words “Tuesday, April 24”, and by adding the words “and that Stephen Gallagher be invited to appear before the committee” at the end of the motion.

After debate, the question was put on the amendment of Ed Komarnicki and it was negatived, by a show of hands: YEAS: 4; NAYS: 6.

The question was put on the motion and it was agreed to, by a show of hands: YEAS: 6; NAYS: 4.

Pursuant to the Order of Reference of Wednesday, March 21, 2007, the Committee commenced consideration of Bill C-280, An Act to Amend the Immigration and Refugee Protection Act (coming into force of sections 110, 111 and 171).

The Committee commenced its clause-by-clause study of the Bill.

Clause 1 carried.

The Title carried.

The Bill carried.

ORDERED, — That the Chair report the Bill to the House.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

Jim Karygiannis moved, — That the Committee summon Mr. Jean-Guy Fleury, former Chair of the Immigration and Refugee Board (IRB), to testify on April 24, 2007 in regards to the Committee's study on the IRB appointment process.

Meili Faille moved, — That the motion be amended by replacing the word “summon” with the word “invite” and by adding the words “and that he be summoned should he refuse the invitation” at the end of the motion.

After debate, the question was put on the amendment and the result of the vote was announced: YEAS: 5; NAYS: 5.

Whereupon, the Chair voted in the negative.

Accordingly, the amendment was negated.

Bill Siksay moved, — That the motion be amended by replacing the word “summon” with the words “re-invite by direct invitation from the Chair”.

The question was put on the amendment of Bill Siksay and it was agreed to, by a show of hands: YEAS: 6; NAYS: 4.

The question was put on the motion and it was agreed to, by a show of hands: YEAS: 6; NAYS: 4.

The adopted motion read as follows:

That the Committee re-invite by direct invitation from the Chair Mr. Jean-Guy Fleury, former Chair of the Immigration and Refugee Board (IRB), to testify on April 24, 2007 in regards to the Committee's study on the IRB appointment process.

At 1:30 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Samy Agha
Clerk of the Committee

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**STANDING COMMITTEE ON CITIZENSHIP AND
IMMIGRATION**

Chair: Norman Doyle.

Meeting No. 50

Tuesday, April 24, 2007

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on Wednesday, June 21, 2006, the Committee resumed its study of Refugee Issues.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Omar Alghabra,
Norman Doyle,
Meili Faille,
Raymond Gravel,
Nina Grewal,
Rahim Jaffer,
Hon. Jim Karygiannis,
Ed Komarnicki,
Bill Siksay,
Hon. Andrew Telegdi
and Blair Wilson.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:
Andrew Kitching, Analyst.

WITNESSES:

As an Individual:

Jean-Guy Fleury, former Chairperson, Immigration and Refugee
Board of Canada.

Samy Agha
Clerk of the Committee

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Meeting No. 50

Tuesday, April 24, 2007

The Standing Committee on Citizenship and Immigration met at 11:02 a.m. this day, in Room 308, West Block, the Chair, Norman Doyle, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Omar Alhabra, Norman Doyle, Meili Faille, Raymond Gravel, Nina Grewal, Rahim Jaffer, Hon. Jim Karygiannis, Ed Komarnicki, Bill Siksay, Hon. Andrew Telegdi and Blair Wilson.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Andrew Kitching, Analyst.

Witnesses: As an individual: Jean-Guy Fleury, former Chairperson, Immigration and Refugee Board of Canada.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee resumed its study of Refugee Issues - IRB Appointment Process.

The witness made a statement and answered questions.

At 12:46 p.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 12:47 p.m., the sitting resumed.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

Jim Karygiannis moved, — That witnesses from an organization be given ten (10) minutes to make their opening statement; and that, at the discretion of the Chair, during the questioning of witnesses, there be allocated seven (7) minutes for the first questioner of each party and that thereafter five (5) minutes be allocated to each questioner who has not yet had a chance to participate, in the following order:

1st round (7 minutes)

— Liberal

— Bloc québécois

— NDP

— Conservative

2nd round (5 minutes)

— Liberal

— Bloc québécois

— Conservative

3rd round (5 minutes)

— Liberal

— Conservative

4th round (5 minutes)

— Liberal

— Conservative

5th round (5 minutes)

— Liberal

— Bloc québécois

— NDP

— Conservative .

On motion of Bill Siksay, it was agreed, — That the motion be amended by deleting the last paragraph and adding the words “after which, this schedule will repeat with a (5) five minute time limit for each round”.

Bill Siksay moved, — That the motion be amended by adding the words “and that no individual member be allowed to participate more than once in each round”, at the end of the motion.

After debate, the question was put on the amendment of Bill Siksay and it was agreed to, by a show of hands: YEAS: 6; NAYS: 4.

Bill Siksay moved, — That the motion be amended by adding the words “and that no member may share his/her time with another member” at the end of the motion.

The question was put on the amendment of Bill Siksay and it was negatived, by a show of hands: YEAS: 1; NAYS: 9.

At 1:00 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Samy Agha
Clerk of the Committee

2007/05/07 2:17 p.m.

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**STANDING COMMITTEE ON CITIZENSHIP AND
IMMIGRATION**

Chair: Norman Doyle.

Meeting No. 51

Wednesday, April 25, 2007

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on Thursday, February 1, 2007, the Committee resumed its study of Loss of Canadian Citizenship for the years 1947, 1977 and 2007.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Omar Alghabra,
Norman Doyle,
Meili Faille,
Raymond Gravel,
Nina Grewal,
Rahim Jaffer,
Hon. Jim Karygiannis,
Ed Komarnicki,
Hon. Andrew Telegdi
and Blair Wilson.

ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

Joe Preston for Barry Devolin.

ASSOCIATE MEMBERS PRESENT:

Peggy Nash.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:

Andrew Kitching, Analyst.

WITNESSES:

Institute for Canadian Citizenship:

John Ralston Saul, Co-Chair;

Sander Dankelman, Special Projects Coordinator.

Samy Agha
Clerk of the Committee

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Meeting No. 51

Wednesday, April 25, 2007

The Standing Committee on Citizenship and Immigration met at 4:32 p.m. this day, in Room 307, West Block, the Chair, Norman Doyle, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Omar Alhabra, Norman Doyle, Meili Faille, Raymond Gravel, Nina Grewal, Rahim Jaffer, Hon. Jim Karygiannis, Ed Komarnicki, Hon. Andrew Telegdi and Blair Wilson.

Acting Members present: Joe Preston for Barry Devolin.

Associate Members present: Peggy Nash.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Andrew Kitching, Analyst.

Witnesses: Institute for Canadian Citizenship: John Ralston Saul, Co-Chair; Sander Dankelman, Special Projects Coordinator.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on Thursday, February 1, 2007, the Committee resumed its study of Loss of Canadian Citizenship for the years 1947, 1977 and 2007.

John Ralston Saul made a statement and answered questions.

At 5:33 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Samy Agha
Clerk of the Committee

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IMMIGRATION

Chair: Norman Doyle.

Meeting No. 52

Thursday, April 26, 2007

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee commenced its meeting on Detention Centres - Security Certificates.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on Wednesday, June 21, 2006, the Committee resumed its study of Refugee Issues.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Omar Alhabra,
Norman Doyle,
Meili Faille,
Raymond Gravel,
Nina Grewal,
Rahim Jaffer,
Hon. Jim Karygiannis,
Ed Komarnicki,
Bill Siksay,
Hon. Andrew Telegdi
and Blair Wilson.

ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

Merv Tweed for Barry Devolin.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:

Andrew Kitching, Analyst.

WITNESSES:

As an Individual:

Ian MacDonald, Senior Barrister, Immigration and Criminal Law,
Garden Court Chambers (United Kingdom).

Samy Agha
Clerk of the Committee

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Meeting No. 52

Thursday, April 26, 2007

The Standing Committee on Citizenship and Immigration met by teleconference at 11:08 a.m. this day, in Room 209 West Block, the Chair, Norman Doyle, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Omar Alghabra, Norman Doyle, Meili Faille, Raymond Gravel, Nina Grewal, Rahim Jaffer, Hon. Jim Karygiannis, Ed Komarnicki, Bill Siksay, Hon. Andrew Telegdi and Blair Wilson.

Acting Members present: Merv Tweed for Barry Devolin.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Andrew Kitching, Analyst.

Witnesses: As an individual: Ian MacDonald, Senior Barrister, Immigration and Criminal Law, Garden Court Chambers (United Kingdom).

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee commenced its meeting on Detention Centres - Security Certificates.

Ian MacDonald made a statement and answered questions.

At 12:15 p.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 12:17 p.m., the sitting resumed *in camera*.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on Wednesday, June 21, 2006, the Committee resumed its study of Refugee Issues.

The Committee resumed consideration of a draft report.

At 1:03 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Samy Agha
Clerk of the Committee

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Séance n° 52

Le jeudi 26 avril 2007

Le Comité permanent de la citoyenneté et de l'immigration se réunit aujourd'hui à 11 h 8 (téléconférence), dans la pièce 209 de l'édifice de l'Ouest, sous la présidence de Norman Doyle, le président.

Membres du Comité présents : Omar Alghabra, Norman Doyle, Meili Faille, Raymond Gravel, Nina Grewal, Rahim Jaffer, l'hon. Jim Karygiannis, Ed Komarnicki, Bill Siksay, l'hon. Andrew Telegdi et Blair Wilson.

Membres substitués présents : Merv Tweed remplace Barry Devolin.

Aussi présents : Bibliothèque du Parlement : Andrew Kitching, analyste.

Témoins : À titre personnel : Ian MacDonald, avocat principal, Immigration et loi criminelle, Garden Court Chambers (Grande-Bretagne).

Conformément à l'article 108(2) du Règlement, le Comité entreprend une réunion sur les Centres de détention - Certificats de sécurité.

Ian MacDonald fait une déclaration et répond aux questions.

À 12 h 15, la séance est suspendue.

À 12 h 17, la séance reprend à huis clos.

Conformément à l'article 108(2) du Règlement et à la motion adoptée par le Comité le mercredi 21 juin 2006, le Comité reprend son étude sur les questions touchant les réfugiés.

Le Comité poursuit son étude d'une ébauche de rapport.

À 13 h 3, le Comité s'ajourne jusqu'à nouvelle convocation par la présidence.

Le greffier du Comité,

Samy Agha

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**STANDING COMMITTEE ON CITIZENSHIP AND
IMMIGRATION**

Chair: Norman Doyle.

Meeting No. 53

Tuesday, May 1, 2007

ORDER OF THE DAY:

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on Wednesday, June 21, 2006, the Committee resumed its study of Refugee Issues.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Dave Batters,
Barry Devolin,
Norman Doyle,
Meili Faille,
Nina Grewal,
Hon. Jim Karygiannis,
Ed Komarnicki,
Bill Siksay,
Hon. Andrew Telegdi
and Blair Wilson.

ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

Brian Murphy for Omar Alghabra.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:

Andrew Kitching, Analyst.

Samy Agha
Clerk of the Committee

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Meeting No. 53

Tuesday, May 1, 2007

The Standing Committee on Citizenship and Immigration met at 11:08 a.m. this day, in Room 308, West Block, the Chair, Norman Doyle, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Dave Batters, Barry Devolin, Norman Doyle, Meili Faille, Nina Grewal, Hon. Jim Karygiannis, Ed Komarnicki, Bill Siksay, Hon. Andrew Telegdi and Blair Wilson.

Acting Members present: Brian Murphy for Omar Alghabra.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Andrew Kitching, Analyst.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

On motion of Jim Karygiannis, it was agreed, — That the Standing Committee on Citizenship and Immigration hold hearings on the issue of undocumented and temporary foreign workers; that the Committee invite expert witnesses and stakeholders, including but not limited to, skilled workers and trade unions; and that Members of the Standing Committee on Citizenship and Immigration provide to the Clerk of the Committee the names and contact information of prospective witnesses by Friday, May 11, 2007.

At 11:22 a.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 11:26 a.m., the sitting resumed *in camera*.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on Wednesday, June 21, 2006, the Committee resumed its study of Refugee Issues.

The Committee resumed consideration of a draft report.

At 12:43 p.m., the Vice-Chair, Andrew Telegdi, took the Chair.

At 12:45 p.m., the Chair, Norman Doyle, took the Chair.

At 12:57 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Samy Agha
Clerk of the Committee

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**STANDING COMMITTEE ON CITIZENSHIP AND
IMMIGRATION**

Chair: Norman Doyle.

Meeting No. 54

Wednesday, May 2, 2007

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on Thursday, February 1, 2007, the Committee resumed its study of Loss of Canadian Citizenship for the years 1947, 1977 and 2007.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Omar Alghabra,
Dave Batters,
Barry Devolin,
Norman Doyle,
Raymond Gravel,
Nina Grewal,
Hon. Jim Karygiannis,
Ed Komarnicki,
Bill Siksay,
Hon. Andrew Telegdi
and Blair Wilson.

ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

Roger Gaudet for Meili Faille.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:
Andrew Kitching, Analyst.

WITNESSES:

Department of Citizenship and Immigration:

Mark Davidson, Director, Legislation and Program Policy,
Citizenship Branch;
Margaret Dritsas, Nationality Law Advisor, Citizenship Branch;
Clark Goodman, Acting Director, Citizenship and Immigration
Program Delivery;
Rose Anne Poirier, Manager, Program Support, Case Processing
Centre - Sydney, Nova Scotia;
Rosemarie Redden, Manager, Citizenship Case, Case Review,
Case Management Branch;
Eric Stevens, Legal Counsel, Legal Services;
John Warner, Analyst, Citizenship cases, Case Review Branch.

Samy Agha
Clerk of the Committee

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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 54

Wednesday, May 2, 2007

The Standing Committee on Citizenship and Immigration met at 3:27 p.m. this day, in Room 701, La Promenade Building, the Chair, Norman Doyle, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Omar Alghabra, Dave Batters, Barry Devolin, Norman Doyle, Raymond Gravel, Nina Grewal, Hon. Jim Karygiannis, Ed Komarnicki, Bill Siksay, Hon. Andrew Telegdi and Blair Wilson.

Acting Members present: Roger Gaudet for Meili Faille.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Andrew Kitching, Analyst.

Witnesses: Department of Citizenship and Immigration: Mark Davidson, Director, Legislation and Program Policy, Citizenship Branch; Margaret Dritsas, Nationality Law Advisor, Citizenship Branch; Clark Goodman, Acting Director, Citizenship and Immigration Program Delivery; Rose Anne Poirier, Manager, Program Support, Case Processing Centre - Sydney, Nova Scotia; Rosemarie Redden, Manager, Citizenship Case, Case Review, Case Management Branch; Eric Stevens, Legal Counsel, Legal Services; John Warner, Analyst, Citizenship cases, Case Review Branch.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on Thursday, February 1, 2007, the Committee resumed its study of Loss of Canadian Citizenship for the years 1947, 1977 and 2007.

Mark Davidson and Clark Goodman made statements.

Andrew Telegdi moved, — That the witnesses be sworn in.

After debate, the question was put on the motion and it was negatived, by a show of hands: YEAS: 3; NAYS: 5.

Mark Davidson, Clark Goodman, Rose Anne Poirier et Rosemarie Redden answered questions.

At 5:17 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Samy Agha
Clerk of the Committee

2007/05/03 2:24 p.m.

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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS
STANDING COMMITTEE ON CITIZENSHIP AND
IMMIGRATION

Chair: Norman Doyle.

Meeting No. 55

Thursday, May 3, 2007

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Meeting No. 55

Thursday, May 3, 2007

The Standing Committee on Citizenship and Immigration met *in camera* at 11:10 a.m. this day, in Room 701, La Promenade Building, the Chair, Norman Doyle, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Omar Alghabra, Dave Batters, Barry Devolin, Norman Doyle, Meili Faille, Raymond Gravel, Nina Grewal, Hon. Jim Karygiannis, Ed Komarnicki, Bill Siksay, Hon. Andrew Telegdi and Blair Wilson.

Acting Members present: Diane Bourgeois for Meili Faille.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Andrew Kitching, Analyst.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on Wednesday, June 21, 2006, the Committee resumed its study of Refugee Issues.

The Committee resumed consideration of a draft report.

At 12:57 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Samy Agha
Clerk of the Committee

2007/05/03 2:10 p.m.

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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

**STANDING COMMITTEE ON CITIZENSHIP AND
IMMIGRATION**

Chair: Norman Doyle.

Meeting No. 56

Tuesday, May 8, 2007

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on Wednesday, June 21, 2006, the Committee resumed its study of Refugee Issues.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Omar Alghabra,
Barry Devolin,
Norman Doyle,
Meili Faille,
Raymond Gravel,
Nina Grewal,
Hon. Jim Karygiannis,
Ed Komarnicki,
Bill Siksay,
Hon. Andrew Telegdi
and Blair Wilson.

ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

Steven Blaney for Dave Batters.

OTHER MEMBERS PRESENT:

John Cannis.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:

Andrew Kitching, Analyst.

Samy Agha
Clerk of the Committee



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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 56

Tuesday, May 8, 2007

The Standing Committee on Citizenship and Immigration met *in camera* at 11:05 a.m. this day, in Room 269, West Block, the Chair, Norman Doyle, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Omar Alghabra, Barry Devolin, Norman Doyle, Meili Faille, Raymond Gravel, Nina Grewal, Hon. Jim Karygiannis, Ed Komarnicki, Bill Siksay, Hon. Andrew Telegdi and Blair Wilson.

Acting Members present: Steven Blaney for Dave Batters.

Other Members present: John Cannis.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Andrew Kitching, Analyst.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on Wednesday, June 21, 2006, the Committee resumed its study of Refugee Issues.

The Committee resumed consideration of a draft report.

At 11:34 a.m., Meili Faille took the Chair.

At 11:38 a.m., the Chair Norman Doyle, took the Chair.

At 12:08 p.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 12:09 p.m., the sitting resumed in public.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

Jim Karygiannis moved, — That the CIC officials that appeared at the meeting of Wednesday, May 2, 2007, be reinvented to appear before the Committee, specifically regarding the comments made by Rose Anne Poirier that officials were instructed to delay citizenship cases pending the Supreme Court ruling on the Taylor case, and comments made by Rosemarie Redden that officials have asked the RCMP to expedite citizenship cases regarding lost Canadians.

Andrew Telegdi moved, — That the motion be amended by replacing the words “appeared at” with the words “were invited to”, and adding the words “except Mark Davidson” after the word “Committee”.

After debate, the question was put on the amendment of Andrew Telegdi and it was agreed to, by a show of hands: YEAS: 7; NAYS: 4.

Andrew Telegdi moved, — That the motion be amended by adding the words “and that the witnesses be sworn in, and that they be so notified” at the end of the motion.

After debate, the question was put on the amendment of Andrew Telegdi and it was agreed to, by a show

of hands: YEAS: 5; NAYS: 4.

The question was put on the motion and it was agreed to, by a show of hands: YEAS: 7; NAYS: 4.

The adopted motion read as follows:

That the CIC officials that were invited to the meeting of Wednesday, May 2, 2007, be reinvited to appear before the Committee, except Mark Davidson, specifically regarding the comments made by Rose Anne Poirier that officials were instructed to delay citizenship cases pending the Supreme Court ruling on the Taylor case, and comments made by Rosemarie Redden that officials have asked the RCMP to expedite citizenship cases regarding lost Canadians, and that the witnesses be sworn in, and that they be so notified.

Jim Karygiannis moved, — That the Committee on Citizenship and Immigration invite Ken Sandhu and Lois Delia Figg to appear before the Committee regarding their appointments to the Immigration and Refugee Board.

After debate, the question was put on the motion and it was agreed to, by a show of hands: YEAS: 7; NAYS: 4.

Omar Alhabra moved, — That the following report be adopted by the Committee, and that the Chair present the report to the house as soon as possible.

By unanimous consent, the motion was allowed to stand.

Bill Siksay moved, — That the Standing Committee on Citizenship and Immigration request that the Minister of Public Safety appear before the Committee at the earliest possible opportunity to discuss the Kingston Immigration Holding Centre, security certificate detainees and the urgent matter of Hassan Almrei's continuing detention and hunger strike, and that the Chair and Clerk find a time for such a meeting within the regular schedule of committee meetings or, if necessary, at a special meeting.

After debate, the question was put on the motion and it was agreed to, by a show of hands: YEAS: 6; NAYS: 4.

At 12:44 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Samy Agha
Clerk of the Committee

2007/05/08 3:51 p.m.

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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS
STANDING COMMITTEE ON CITIZENSHIP AND
IMMIGRATION

Chair: Norman Doyle.

Meeting No. 57

Thursday, May 10, 2007

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on Wednesday, June 21, 2006, the Committee resumed its study of Refugee Issues.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Omar Alghabra,
Dave Batters,
Barry Devolin,
Norman Doyle,
Meili Faille,
Raymond Gravel,
Nina Grewal,
Ed Komarnicki,
Bill Siksay
and Hon. Andrew Telegdi.

ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

Steven Blaney for Dave Batters,
Hon. Mark Eyking for Hon. Jim Karygiannis,
and Roger Valley for Blair Wilson.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:

Andrew Kitching, Analyst.

Samy Agha
Clerk of the Committee

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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 57

Thursday, May 10, 2007

The Standing Committee on Citizenship and Immigration met *in camera* at 11:05 a.m. this day, in Room 308, West Block, the Chair, Norman Doyle, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Omar Alghabra, Dave Batters, Barry Devolin, Norman Doyle, Meili Faille, Raymond Gravel, Nina Grewal, Ed Komarnicki, Bill Siksay and Hon. Andrew Telegdi.

Acting Members present: Steven Blaney for Dave Batters, Hon. Mark Eyking for Hon. Jim Karygiannis and Roger Valley for Blair Wilson.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Andrew Kitching, Analyst.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on Wednesday, June 21, 2006, the Committee resumed its study of Refugee Issues.

The Committee resumed consideration of a draft report.

At 11:43 a.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 11:44 a.m., the sitting resumed in public.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

The Committee resumed consideration of the motion of Omar Alghabra, — That the following report be adopted by the Committee, and that the Chair present the report to the house as soon as possible:

WHEREAS the Minister of Citizenship and Immigration has stated her intention to merge the current Advisory Panel and the Chairperson's Selection Board of the Immigration and Refugee Board of Canada (IRB), and to be given discretionary power to appoint half of the six external members of the proposed committee structure, as per recommendation five contained the recent Public Appointments Commission Secretariat report;

AND WHEREAS these changes will politicize the merit-based, non-partisan, and independent nature of the current IRB appointment process;

AND WHEREAS the government's failure to appoint a sufficient number of IRB adjudicators has created a growing backlog of refugee claimants, leaving many to live in limbo;

AND WHEREAS longer delays also have a significant impact on security, family reunification, and social costs associated with education, health, and social assistance;

BE IT RESOLVED that the Standing Committee on Citizenship and Immigration call upon the Minister to reject recommendation five contained in the recent Public Appointments Commission Secretariat report, and to immediately fill the remaining board vacancies within the Immigration and Refugee Board

of Canada in order to reduce the growing backlog of individuals awaiting case review hearings .

Andrew Telegdi moved, — That the report be amended by inserting the words “,having created a crisis by its” in the third paragraph between the word “government” and “failure”, and by adding the words “and to immediately fill remaining Board vacancies by reappointments from the pool of available and qualified applicants”, at the end of the motion.

After debate, the question was put on the amendment of Andrew Telegdi and it was agreed to, by a show of hands: YEAS: 7; NAYS: 4.

Bill Siksay moved, — That the report be amended by adding the words “And be it further resolved that the Standing Committee on Citizenship and Immigration request that the Chair issue a press release on behalf of the Committee to outline the Committee’s concern on this issue.

After debate, the question was put on the amendment of Bill Siksay and it was agreed to, by a show of hands: YEAS: 7; NAYS: 4.

The question was put on the motion and it was agreed to, by a show of hands: YEAS: 7; NAYS: 4.

The adopted motion read as follows:

That the following report be adopted by the Committee, and that the Chair present the report to the house as soon as possible:

WHEREAS the Minister of Citizenship and Immigration has stated her intention to merge the current Advisory Panel and the Chairperson’s Selection Board of the Immigration and Refugee Board of Canada (IRB), and to be given discretionary power to appoint half of the six external members of the proposed committee structure, as per recommendation five contained the recent Public Appointments Commission Secretariat report;

AND WHEREAS these changes will politicize the merit-based, non-partisan, and independent nature of the current IRB appointment process;

AND WHEREAS the government, having created a crisis by its failure to appoint a sufficient number of IRB adjudicators, has created a growing backlog of refugee claimants, leaving many to live in limbo;

AND WHEREAS longer delays also have a significant impact on security, family reunification, and social costs associated with education, health, and social assistance;

BE IT RESOLVED that the Standing Committee on Citizenship and Immigration call upon the Minister to reject recommendation five contained in the recent Public Appointments Commission Secretariat report, and to immediately fill the remaining board vacancies within the Immigration and Refugee Board of Canada in order to reduce the growing backlog of individuals awaiting case review hearings; and to immediately fill remaining Board vacancies by reappointments from the pool of available and qualified applicants.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Standing Committee on Citizenship and Immigration request that the Chair issue a press release on behalf of the Committee to outline the Committee’s concern on this issue.

It was agreed, — That the Committee append to its report a dissenting opinion from Ed Komarnicki provided that it is no longer than the total number of words in the report (243 words); it is in the same style and format as the report (Times New Roman, 10 point); and it is submitted electronically in both official languages to the Clerk of the Committee, no later than 48 hours after the Committee has adopted the report (May 12, 2007, 12:05 p.m.).

Bill Siksai moved, — That the following report be adopted by the Committee, and that the Chair present the report to the House at the first possible opportunity.

WHEREAS the Government of Canada refused to participate in the war in Iraq;

AND WHEREAS most Canadians strongly supported that decision and continue to be strongly opposed to the war in Iraq;

AND WHEREAS Canada has a proud history of welcoming people of conscience who refused to participate in military service or in illegal or immoral wars;

AND WHEREAS we recognize the legacy of those American war resisters, who rather than serve in the American armed forces in the Viet Nam War, came to Canada and made a significant and positive contribution to our country;

AND WHEREAS the Government of Canada made it possible for those who resisted service in the American armed forces during the Viet Nam War period to find a haven from militarism in Canada;

AND WHEREAS American Iraq war resisters who have not received recognition as conscientious objectors in the United States and would face serious sanctions in the United States for having taken a stand against the war in Iraq should they be returned there;

THEREFORE, The Standing Committee on Citizenship and Immigration recommends the following:

1. That the government should immediately implement an in-Canada program to allow conscientious objectors and their immediate family members, in particular those from the United States of America, who have refused or left military service related to the war in Iraq, to apply to remain and work in Canada and, after a period of two years, be eligible for permanent resident status.
2. That the government should immediately cease any removal or deportation actions that may have already commenced against such individuals.

After debate, the question was put on the motion and it was negatived, by a show of hands: YEAS: 2; NAYS: 8.

At 12:21 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Samy Agha
Clerk of the Committee

2007/05/11 9:24 a.m.

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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

**STANDING COMMITTEE ON CITIZENSHIP AND
IMMIGRATION**

Chair: Norman Doyle.

Meeting No. 58

Tuesday, May 15, 2007

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Meeting No. 58

Tuesday, May 15, 2007

The Standing Committee on Citizenship and Immigration met *in camera* at 11:06 a.m. this day, in Room 308, West Block, the Chair, Norman Doyle, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Omar Alghabra, Dave Batters, Norman Doyle, Meili Faille, Nina Grewal, Hon. Jim Karygiannis, Ed Komarnicki, Bill Siksay, Hon. Andrew Telegdi and Blair Wilson.

Acting Members present: Ken Epp for Barry Devolin and Roger Gaudet for Raymond Gravel.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Andrew Kitching, Analyst.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

The Chair presented the 7th Report from the Subcommittee on Agenda and Procedure which read as follows:

The Subcommittee on Agenda and Procedure of the Standing Committee on Citizenship and Immigration agreed that the Standing Committee will:

1- Invite Senator Romeo Dallaire, Melynda Jarrat, Marion and Annette Galbraith, Lisa and Doug Cochrane, Suzanne Rouleau, Denise Tessier, and Lisa and Andrew Cochrane to appear before the Committee on Thursday May 31st, 2007, regarding its study on the Loss of Canadian Citizenship; and that the meeting be televised, if possible.

2- Invite CIC Officials regarding its study on the Loss of Canadian Citizenship to appear on Tuesday, June 5th, 2007, and that the meeting be extended by 1 hour, from 1pm to 2pm, if necessary.

It was agreed, — That the report be amended by replacing “Thursday, May 31, 2007” with “Tuesday, May 29, 2007”.

It was agreed, — That the report, as amended, be adopted.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on Wednesday, June 21, 2006, the Committee resumed its study of Refugee Issues.

The Committee resumed consideration of a draft report.

At 1:06 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Samy Agha
Clerk of the Committee

2007/05/15 2:17 p.m.

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**STANDING COMMITTEE ON CITIZENSHIP AND
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Chair: Norman Doyle.

Meeting No. 59

Thursday, May 17, 2007

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on Wednesday, June 21, 2006, the Committee resumed its study of Refugee Issues.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Omar Alghabra,
Dave Batters,
Barry Devolin,
Norman Doyle,
Meili Faille,
Raymond Gravel,
Nina Grewal,
Hon. Jim Karygiannis,
Bill Siksay,
Hon. Andrew Telegdi
and Blair Wilson.

ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

Patricia Davidson for Ed Komarnicki.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:
Andrew Kitching, Analyst.

Samy Agha
Clerk of the Committee

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Meeting No. 59

Thursday, May 17, 2007

The Standing Committee on Citizenship and Immigration met *in camera* at 11:08 a.m. this day, in Room 308, West Block, the Chair, Norman Doyle, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Omar Alghabra, Dave Batters, Barry Devolin, Norman Doyle, Meili Faille, Raymond Gravel, Nina Grewal, Hon. Jim Karygiannis, Bill Siksay, Hon. Andrew Telegdi and Blair Wilson.

Acting Members present: Patricia Davidson for Ed Komarnicki.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Andrew Kitching, Analyst.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on Wednesday, June 21, 2006, the Committee resumed its study of Refugee Issues.

The Committee resumed consideration of a draft report.

It was agreed, — That the draft report, as amended, be adopted.

It was agreed, — That the Chair present the report to the House.

It was agreed, — That, pursuant to Standing Order 109, the Committee request that the Government table a comprehensive response to the report.

It was agreed, — That the Chair, Clerk and analyst be authorized to make such grammatical and editorial changes as may be necessary without changing the substance of the report.

It was agreed, — That the Committee append to its report dissenting opinions from Bill Siksay and Barry Devolin provided that each is no longer than 4 pages; in the same style and format as the Report and submitted electronically in both official languages to the Clerk of the Committee, no later than Wednesday, May 23, 2007.

At 11:25 a.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 11:26 a.m., the sitting resumed in public.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

Jim Karygiannis moved, — That the government put a moratorium on deporting undocumented workers until the committee holds hearings and reports to the house with its recommendations.

Debate arose thereon.

Bill Siksay moved, — That the motion be amended by adding before the motion the words “That at the

meeting of May 31st, 2007 the Committee consider the following motion”.

The question was put on the amendment of Bill Siksay and it was negatived on division.

The question was put on the motion and it was agreed to on the following recorded division: YEAS: Meili Faille, Raymond Gravel, Jim Karygiannis, Bill Siksay, Andrew Telegdi, Blair Wilson — 6; NAYS: Dave Batters, Patricia Davidson, Barry Devolin, Nina Grewal — 4.

At 12:10 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Samy Agha
Clerk of the Committee

2007/05/17 3:54 p.m.

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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS
**STANDING COMMITTEE ON CITIZENSHIP AND
IMMIGRATION**

Chair: Norman Doyle.

Meeting No. 60

Tuesday, May 29, 2007

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on Thursday, February 1, 2007, the Committee resumed its study of Loss of Canadian Citizenship for the years 1947, 1977 and 2007.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Omar Alhabra,
Dave Batters,
Barry Devolin,
Norman Doyle,
Meili Faille,
Nina Grewal,
Hon. Jim Karygiannis,
Ed Komarnicki,
Bill Siksay
and Hon. Andrew Telegdi.

ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

Hon. Mauril Bélanger for Blair Wilson,
and Nicole Demers for Raymond Gravel.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:

Penny Becklumb, Analyst;
Kristen Douglas, Analyst.

WITNESSES:

As Individuals:

Lisa Cochrane;
Doug Cochrane;
Marion Galbraith;
Michelle Vallière;
Guy Vallière;
Suzanne Rouleau;
Denise Tessier;
Pauline Merrette.

Canadian War Brides:

Melynda Jarratt, Historian.

Lost Canadian Organization:

Don Chapman.

Melynda Jarratt, Suzanne Rouleau, Denise Tessier and Pauline Merette made statements and, with Don Chapman, answered questions.

Samy Agha
Clerk of the Committee

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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 60

Tuesday, May 29, 2007

The Standing Committee on Citizenship and Immigration met at 11:10 a.m. this day, in Room 701, La Promenade Building, the Chair, Norman Doyle, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Omar Alghabra, Dave Batters, Barry Devolin, Norman Doyle, Meili Faille, Nina Grewal, Hon. Jim Karygiannis, Ed Komarnicki, Bill Siksay and Hon. Andrew Telegdi.

Acting Members present: Hon. Mauril Bélanger for Blair Wilson and Nicole Demers for Raymond Gravel.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Penny Becklumb, Analyst; Kristen Douglas, Analyst.

Witnesses: As individuals: Lisa Cochrane; Doug Cochrane; Marion Galbraith; Michelle Vallière; Guy Vallière; Suzanne Rouleau; Denise Tessier; Pauline Merrette. *Canadian War Brides:* Melynda Jarratt, Historian. *Lost Canadian Organization:* Don Chapman.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on Thursday, February 1, 2007, the Committee resumed its study of Loss of Canadian Citizenship for the years 1947, 1977 and 2007.

Lisa Cochrane, Marion Galbraith, Michelle Vallière and Doug Cochrane made statements and answered questions.

At 12:00 p.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 12:04 p.m., the sitting resumed.

Melynda Jarratt, Suzanne Rouleau, Denise Tessier and Pauline Merette made statements and, with Don Chapman, answered questions.

At 12:54 p.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 12:57 p.m., the sitting resumed.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

On motion of Jim Karygiannis, it was agreed, — That the Standing Committee on Citizenship and Immigration study the issue of refugees from Iraq; that the Committee invite expert witnesses, stakeholders and community groups to appear before the Committee; and, that Members of the Standing Committee on Citizenship and Immigration provide to the Clerk of the Committee the names and contact information of prospective witnesses by Tuesday, June 5, 2007.

Jim Karygiannis moved, — That the Standing Committee on Citizenship and Immigration order that the Department of Citizenship and Immigration provide the Committee with a complete copy of Joe

Taylor's application for Canadian citizenship and all other documents related to this application within 30 days of this motion being adopted by the Committee; that the Standing Committee on Citizenship and Immigration discuss the application and any related documents at an in Camera meeting; and that CIC officials appear before the Committee regarding the application at an in camera meeting.

By unanimous consent, the motion was allowed to stand.

At 1:03 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Samy Agha
Clerk of the Committee

2007/05/29 2:36 p.m.

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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS
STANDING COMMITTEE ON CITIZENSHIP AND
IMMIGRATION

Chair: Norman Doyle.

Meeting No. 61

Tuesday, May 29, 2007

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on Thursday, February 1, 2007, the Committee resumed its study of Loss of Canadian Citizenship for the years 1947, 1977 and 2007.

Pursuant to Standing Order 81(4), the Committee commenced consideration of the Main Estimates 2007-2008: Votes 1, 5 and 10 under CITIZENSHIP AND IMMIGRATION referred to the Committee on Tuesday, February 27, 2007.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Omar Alghabra,
Dave Batters,
Norman Doyle,
Meili Faille,
Nina Grewal,
Hon. Jim Karygiannis,
Ed Komarnicki,
Bill Siksay
and Hon. Andrew Telegdi.

ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

Marc Lemay for Raymond Gravel,
and Joe Preston for Barry Devolin.

OTHER MEMBERS PRESENT:

Sukh Dhaliwal.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:

Penny Becklumb, Analyst;
Tara Gray, Analyst.

APPEARING:

Hon. Diane Finley, Minister of Citizenship and Immigration.

WITNESSES:

Department of Citizenship and Immigration:

Richard Fadden, Deputy Minister;
Wayne Ganim, Chief Financial Officer and Director General,
Finance Branch.

Samy Agha
Clerk of the Committee

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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 61

Tuesday, May 29, 2007

The Standing Committee on Citizenship and Immigration met in a televised session at 3:30 p.m. this day, in Room 237-C, Centre Block, the Chair, Norman Doyle, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Omar Alghabra, Dave Batters, Norman Doyle, Meili Faille, Nina Grewal, Hon. Jim Karygiannis, Ed Komarnicki, Bill Siksay and Hon. Andrew Telegdi.

Acting Members present: Marc Lemay for Raymond Gravel and Joe Preston for Barry Devolin.

Other Members present: Sukh Dhaliwal.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Penny Becklumb, Analyst; Tara Gray, Analyst.

Appearing: Hon. Diane Finley, Minister of Citizenship and Immigration.

Witnesses: Department of Citizenship and Immigration: Richard Fadden, Deputy Minister; Wayne Ganim, Chief Financial Officer and Director General, Finance Branch.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on Thursday, February 1, 2007, the Committee resumed its study of Loss of Canadian Citizenship for the years 1947, 1977 and 2007.

The Minister made a statement and answered questions.

Pursuant to Standing Order 81(4), the Committee commenced consideration of the Main Estimates 2007-2008: Votes 1, 5 and 10 under CITIZENSHIP AND IMMIGRATION referred to the Committee on Tuesday, February 27, 2007.

The Minister made a statement and, with Richard Fadden, answered questions.

At 5:33 p.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 5:34 p.m., the sitting resumed.

The Chair called Vote 1 - Operating expenditures under the Department of Citizenship and Immigration.

It was agreed, — That Vote 1, less the amount of \$103,398,250 granted in Interim Supply, be carried.

The Chair called Vote 5 - Grants and contributions under the Department of Citizenship and Immigration.

It was agreed, — That Vote 5, less the amount of \$305,093,333.33 granted in Interim Supply, be carried.

The Chair called Vote 10 - Program expenditures under the the Immigration and Refugee Board of Canada.

It was agreed, — That Vote 10, less the amount of \$25,046,500 granted in Interim Supply, be carried.

ORDERED, — That the Chair report Vote 1, 5 and 10, less the amounts voted in Interim Supply, under CITIZENSHIP AND IMMIGRATION CANADA to the House.

At 5:34 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Samy Agha
Clerk of the Committee

2007/05/30 3:39 p.m.

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STANDING COMMITTEE ON CITIZENSHIP AND
IMMIGRATION

Vice-Chair: Andrew Telegdi.

Meeting No. 62

Tuesday, June 5, 2007

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on Thursday, February 1, 2007, the Committee resumed its study of Loss of Canadian Citizenship for the years 1947, 1977 and 2007.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Dave Batters,
Barry Devolin,
Meili Faille,
Raymond Gravel,
Nina Grewal,
Hon. Jim Karygiannis,
Ed Komarnicki,
Bill Siksay,
Hon. Andrew Telegdi
and Blair Wilson.

ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

Richard Nadeau for Meili Faille,
and Alan Tonks for Omar Alghabra.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:

Penny Becklumb, Analyst;
Margaret Young, Analyst.

WITNESSES:

Department of Citizenship and Immigration:

Margaret Dritsas, Nationality Law Advisor;
Clark Goodman, Acting Director;
Rose Anne Poirier, Manager;
Rosemarie Redden, Manager;
Janet Siddall, Associate Assistant Deputy Minister;
Eric Stevens, Legal Counsel;
John Warner, Analyst.

Janet Siddall made a statement and, with the other witnesses, answered questions.

Samy Agha
Clerk of the Committee

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 62

Tuesday, June 5, 2007

The Standing Committee on Citizenship and Immigration met at 11:10 a.m. this day, in Room 308, West Block, the Vice-Chair, Andrew Telegdi, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Dave Batters, Barry Devolin, Meili Faille, Raymond Gravel, Nina Grewal, Hon. Jim Karygiannis, Ed Komarnicki, Bill Siksay, Hon. Andrew Telegdi and Blair Wilson.

Acting Members present: Richard Nadeau for Meili Faille and Alan Tonks for Omar Alghabra.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Penny Becklumb, Analyst; Margaret Young, Analyst.

Witnesses: Department of Citizenship and Immigration: Margaret Dritsas, Nationality Law Advisor; Clark Goodman, Acting Director; Rose Anne Poirier, Manager; Rosemarie Redden, Manager; Janet Siddall, Associate Assistant Deputy Minister; Eric Stevens, Legal Counsel; John Warner, Analyst.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), and the motion adopted by the Committee on Tuesday, May 8, 2007, the Committee resumed its study of Loss of Canadian Citizenship for the years 1947, 1977 and 2007.

Janet Siddall made a statement and, with the other witnesses, answered questions.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

The Committee resumed consideration of the motion of Jim Karygiannis, — which was stood on May 29, 2007 (Meeting 60) — That the Standing Committee on Citizenship and Immigration order that the Department of Citizenship and Immigration provide the Committee with a complete copy of Joe Taylor's application for Canadian citizenship and all other documents related to this application within 30 days of this motion being adopted by the Committee; that the Standing Committee on Citizenship and Immigration discuss the application and any related documents at an in camera meeting; and that CIC officials appear before the Committee regarding the application at an in camera meeting.

Bill Siksay moved, — That the motion be amended by adding the words “and that Mr. R.R. Walsh, Law Clerk and Parliamentary Counsel, provide a briefing to the Committee prior to hearing from CIC officials” at the end of the motion.

The question was put on the motion and it was agreed to on the following recorded division: YEAS: Raymond Gravel, Jim Karygiannis, Richard Nadeau, Bill Siksay, Alan Tonks, Blair Wilson — 6; NAYS: — 0.

On motion of Bill Siksay, it was agreed, — That the motion be amended by replacing the word “order” with the word “request”, and that the words “and, that should the request not be met, that the Committee then order the application and the documents” after the words “within 30 days of this motion being adopted by the Committee”.

The question was put on the motion and it was agreed to on the following recorded division: YEAS: Raymond Gravel, Jim Karygiannis, Richard Nadeau, Bill Siksay, Alan Tonks, Blair Wilson — 6;

NAYS: Dave Batters, Barry Devolin, Nina Grewal, Ed Komarnicki — 4.

The adopted motion read as follows:

That the Standing Committee on Citizenship and Immigration request that the Department of Citizenship and Immigration provide the Committee with a complete copy of Joe Taylor's application for Canadian citizenship and all other documents related to this application within 30 days of this motion being adopted by the Committee, and, that should the request not be met, that the Committee then order the application and the documents; that the Standing Committee on Citizenship and Immigration discuss the application and any related documents at an in Camera meeting; and that CIC officials appear before the Committee regarding the application at an in camera meeting; and that Mr. R.R. Walsh, Law Clerk and Parliamentary Counsel, provide a briefing to the Committee prior to hearing from CIC officials.

At 1:12 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Samy Agha
Clerk of the Committee

2007/06/12 1:53 p.m.

HOUSE OF COMMONS OF CANADA
39th PARLIAMENT, 1st SESSION

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

STANDING COMMITTEE ON CITIZENSHIP AND
IMMIGRATION

Meeting No. 63

Thursday, June 7, 2007

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Orders 110 and 111, and the motion adopted by the Committee on Tuesday, May 8, 2007, the Committee commenced consideration of the Order in Council appointment of Ken Sandhu and Lois Delia Figg which was referred to the Committee on April 24, 2007.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Omar Alghabra,
Barry Devolin,
Norman Doyle,
Meili Faille,
Nina Grewal,
Hon. Jim Karygiannis,
Ed Komarnicki,
Bill Siksay,
Hon. Andrew Telegdi
and Blair Wilson.

ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

André Bellavance for Raymond Gravel.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:

Penny Becklumb, Analyst;

Margaret Young, Analyst.

WITNESSES:

Immigration and Refugee Board of Canada:

Krista Daley, Senior General Counsel.

As Individuals:

Lois D. Figg, Full-time member and Assistant Deputy Chairperson of the Immigration and Refugee Board, Toronto Regional Office;

Ken Sandhu, Full-time member of the Immigration and Refugee Board, Deputy Chairperson of the Refugee Protection Division.

Ken Sandhu and Lois Delia Figg made statements and, with the Krista Daley, answered questions.

Samy Agha
Clerk of the Committee

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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 63

Thursday, June 7, 2007

The Standing Committee on Citizenship and Immigration met at 11:09 a.m. this day, in Room 209, West Block, the Chair, Norman Doyle, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Omar Alghabra, Barry Devolin, Norman Doyle, Meili Faille, Nina Grewal, Hon. Jim Karygiannis, Ed Komarnicki, Bill Siksay, Hon. Andrew Telegdi and Blair Wilson.

Acting Members present: André Bellavance for Raymond Gravel.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Penny Becklumb, Analyst; Margaret Young, Analyst.

Witnesses: Immigration and Refugee Board of Canada: Krista Daley, Senior General Counsel. *As individuals:* Lois D. Figg, Full-time member and Assistant Deputy Chairperson of the Immigration and Refugee Board, Toronto Regional Office; Ken Sandhu, Full-time member of the Immigration and Refugee Board, Head Office, Deputy Chairperson of the Refugee Protection Division (Toronto Regional Office).

Pursuant to Standing Orders 110 and 111, and the motion adopted by the Committee on Tuesday, May 8, 2007, the Committee commenced consideration of the Order in Council appointment of Ken Sandhu and Lois Delia Figg which was referred to the Committee on April 24, 2007.

Ken Sandhu and Lois Delia Figg made statements and, with the Krista Daley, answered questions.

At 12:44 p.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 12:45 p.m., the sitting resumed.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

Bill Siksay moved, — That the Standing Committee on Citizenship and Immigration study the issue of immigration consultants, that the Committee invite members of the Canadian Society of Immigration Consultants (CSIC), immigration consultants who work independent of CSIC and individuals who have used the services of immigration consultants.

It was agreed, — That the motion be amended by replacing the words “work independent of CSIC” with the words “are critical of CSIC and its requirements”.

It was agreed, — That the motion be amended by adding after the word “invite” the words “among others”.

On motion of Meili Faille, it was agreed, — That the motion be amended by adding at the end of the motion the following words: “as well as officials from the Department of Citizenship and Immigration”.

The question was put on the motion and it was agreed to, by a show of hands: YEAS: 9; NAYS: 0.

The adopted motion read as follows:

That the Standing Committee on Citizenship and Immigration study the issue of immigration consultants, that the Committee invite, among others, members of the Canadian Society of Immigration Consultants (CSIC), immigration consultants who are critical of CSIC and its requirements, and individuals who have used the services of immigration consultants, as well as officials from the Department of Citizenship and Immigration.

Jim Karygiannis moved, — That due to the continuing strife in Lebanon, the Standing Committee on Citizenship and Immigration recommend to the House of Commons that all immigration applications from the affected area that are presently in the queue be immediately expedited and that the Motion be reported to the House of Commons.

On motion of Bill Siksay, it was agreed, — That the motion be amended by deleting the words “due to the continuing strife in Lebanon” and by replacing “the affected area” by the words “areas affected by war, civil strife, or natural disaster”.

The question was put on the motion and it was agreed to, by a show of hands: YEAS: 6; NAYS: 2.

The adopted motion read as follows:

That the Standing Committee on Citizenship and Immigration recommend to the House of Commons that all immigration applications from areas affected by war, civil strife, or natural disaster that are presently in the queue be immediately expedited, and that the motion be reported to the House of Commons.

It was agreed. — That the Committee append to its report a dissenting opinion from Ed Komarnicki provided that it is not longer than the adopted motion and submitted electronically to the Clerk of the Committee, no later than 9:00 a.m., on Friday, June 7, 2007.

The Committee resumed consideration of the motion of Andrew Telegdi, — which was stood on Tuesday, February 13, 2006 (Meeting 34) — That the 10th Report (Citizenship Revocation) and the 12th Report (Updating Canada’s Citizenship Laws) of this Committee in the 1st Session of the 38th Parliament be adopted as reports in this session; and that the Chair present the reports to the House.

After debate, the question was put on the motion and it was agreed to, by a show of hands: YEAS: 6; NAYS: 1.

At 1:10 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Samy Agha
Clerk of the Committee

2007/06/08 1:41 p.m.

HOUSE OF COMMONS OF CANADA
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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS
STANDING COMMITTEE ON CITIZENSHIP AND
IMMIGRATION

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Meeting No. 64

Tuesday, June 19, 2007

ORDER OF THE DAY:

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Omar Alghabra,
Dave Batters,
Norman Doyle,
Meili Faille,
Raymond Gravel,
Nina Grewal,
Hon. Jim Karygiannis,
Ed Komarnicki,
Bill Siksay,
Hon. Andrew Telegdi
and Blair Wilson.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:
Penny Becklumb, Analyst;
Margaret Young, Analyst.

Samy Agha
Clerk of the Committee



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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 64

Tuesday, June 19, 2007

The Standing Committee on Citizenship and Immigration met at 11:05 a.m. this day, in Room 308, West Block, the Chair, Norman Doyle, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Omar Alghabra, Dave Batters, Norman Doyle, Meili Faille, Raymond Gravel, Nina Grewal, Hon. Jim Karygiannis, Ed Komarnicki, Bill Siksay, Hon. Andrew Telegdi and Blair Wilson.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Penny Becklumb, Analyst; Margaret Young, Analyst.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

It was agreed, — That the Committee adopt the 9th Report of the Subcommittee on Agenda and Procedure:

The Subcommittee on Agenda and Procedure of the Standing Committee on Citizenship and Immigration agreed:

That, in relation to its study on the Loss of Canadian Citizenship, the Standing Committee on Citizenship and Immigration:

— Consider its draft report as its first item of business in the fall of 2007; and;

— That meetings regarding this study be held outside the Committee's usual meeting times, unless the Committee decides otherwise.

That, in relation to its study on Bill C-57, the Standing Committee on Citizenship and Immigration:

— Invite departmental officials to provide a briefing; and,

— That the Subcommittee on Agenda and Procedure select other witnesses.

That, in relation to its studies on Undocumented and Temporary Foreign Workers, the Points System, Iraqi Refugees, and Immigration Consultants:

— All members of the Standing Committee on Citizenship and Immigration travel to Burnaby, British Columbia; Whistler, British Columbia; Calgary, Alberta; Fort McMurray, Alberta; Moose Jaw, Saskatchewan; Winnipeg, Manitoba; Scarborough, Ontario, Mississauga, Ontario; Vaudreuil-Dorion, Quebec; and one city in Atlantic Canada from October 15, 2007 to October 26, 2007.

That, in relation to its study on Iraqi Refugees, the Standing Committee on Citizenship and Immigration:

— Invite organizational representatives to appear before the Committee in Ottawa..

At 12:37 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Samy Agha
Clerk of the Committee

2007/06/20 2:35 p.m.

HOUSE OF COMMONS OF CANADA
39th PARLIAMENT, 2nd SESSION

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS
STANDING COMMITTEE ON CITIZENSHIP AND
IMMIGRATION

Clerk of the Committee: Andrew Bartholomew Chaplin.

Meeting No. 1

Thursday, November 15, 2007

ORDER OF THE DAY:

The Clerk of the Committee presided over the election of a Chair.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Dave Batters,
Colleen Beaumier,
Hon. Maurizio Bevilacqua,
Robert Carrier,
Olivia Chow,
Norman Doyle,
Meili Faille,
Nina Grewal,
Hon. Jim Karygiannis,
Wajid Khan,
Ed Komarnicki
and Hon. Andrew Telegdi.



IN ATTENDANCE:

House of Commons:

Justin Vaive, Procedural Clerk.

Andrew Bartholomew Chaplin
Clerk of the Committee

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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 1

Thursday, November 15, 2007

The Standing Committee on Citizenship and Immigration met at 3:35 p.m. this day, in Room 308, West Block, for the purpose of electing a Chair, pursuant to Standing Order 106(1).

Members of the Committee present: Dave Batters, Colleen Beaumier, Hon. Maurizio Bevilacqua, Robert Carrier, Olivia Chow, Norman Doyle, Meili Faille, Nina Grewal, Hon. Jim Karygiannis, Wajid Khan, Ed Komarnicki and Hon. Andrew Telegdi.

In attendance: House of Commons: Justin Vaive, Procedural Clerk.

The Clerk of the Committee presided over the election of a Chair.

On motion of Andrew Telegdi, it was agreed, — That Norman Doyle be elected Chair of the Committee.

The Clerk of the Committee presided over the election of the Vice-Chairs.

On motion of Dave Batters, it was agreed, — That Andrew Telegdi be elected First Vice-Chair of the Committee.

On motion of Robert Carrier, it was agreed, — That Meili Faille be elected Second Vice-Chair of the Committee.

Norman Doyle took the Chair.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

Jim Karygiannis moved, — That the Committee re-adopt all the routine motions in effect at the time of prorogation and, that if any changes are to be made, they be brought forward at next Tuesday's meeting, that the Committee resume all studies underway at the time of prorogation, and that the steering committee engage to produce a programme to complete them.

Debate arose thereon.

A point of order was raised concerning the dual propositions contained in the motion.

RULING BY THE CHAIR

The Chair ruled the motion out of order as it contained two distinct propositions and it was to be divided into the following two motions, as provided in House of Commons Procedure and Practice (page 478).

— That the Committee re-adopt all the routine motions in effect at the time of prorogation and, that if any changes are to be made, they be brought forward at next Tuesday's meeting.

— That the Committee resume all studies underway at the time of prorogation, and that the steering

committee engage to produce a programme to complete them.

Jim Karygiannis moved, — That the Committee re-adopt all the routine motions in effect at the time of prorogation and, that if any changes are to be made, they be brought forward at next Tuesday's meeting.

Debate arose thereon.

At 4:22 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Andrew Bartholomew Chaplin
Clerk of the Committee

2007/11/19 10:07 a.m.

HOUSE OF COMMONS OF CANADA
39th PARLIAMENT, 2nd SESSION

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS
STANDING COMMITTEE ON CITIZENSHIP AND
IMMIGRATION

Chair: Norman Doyle.

Meeting No. 2

Tuesday, November 20, 2007

ORDER OF THE DAY:

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Dave Batters,
Colleen Beaumier,
Hon. Maurizio Bevilacqua,
Robert Carrier,
Olivia Chow,
Norman Doyle,
Meili Faille,
Nina Grewal,
Hon. Jim Karygiannis,
Ed Komarnicki
and Hon. Andrew Telegdi.

ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

Blaine Calkins for Wajid Khan.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:

Penny Becklumb, Analyst;
Sandra Elgersma, Analyst.

Andrew Bartholomew Chaplin
Clerk of the Committee

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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 2

Tuesday, November 20, 2007

The Standing Committee on Citizenship and Immigration met at 3:34 p.m. this day, in Room 371, West Block, the Chair, Norman Doyle, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Dave Batters, Colleen Beaumier, Hon. Maurizio Bevilacqua, Robert Carrier, Olivia Chow, Norman Doyle, Meili Faille, Nina Grewal, Hon. Jim Karygiannis, Ed Komarnicki and Hon. Andrew Telegdi.

Acting Members present: Blaine Calkins for Wajid Khan.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Penny Becklumb, Analyst; Sandra Elgersma, Analyst.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

Olivia Chow moved, — That the Committee retain, as needed and at the discretion of the Chair, the services of one or more analysts from the Library of Parliament to assist it in its work.

That the Subcommittee on Agenda and Procedure be composed of Norman Doyle, Rahim Jaffer, Raymonde Folco, Andrew Telegdi, Meili Faille and Bill Siksay.

That, if requested, reasonable travel, accommodation and living expenses be reimbursed to witnesses, not exceeding two representatives per organization; and that, in exceptional circumstances, payment for more representatives be made at the discretion of the Chair.

That the Chair be authorized to hold meetings to receive evidence and to have that evidence printed when a quorum is not present, provided that at least three members are present, including one member of the opposition.

That only the Clerk of the Committee be authorized to distribute to the members of the Committee documents and only when they exist in both official languages and that witnesses be advised accordingly.

That the Clerk of the Committee be authorized to make the necessary arrangements to provide working meals for the Committee and its Subcommittees.

That, unless otherwise ordered, each Committee member be allowed to be accompanied by one staff person at an in camera meeting.

That one copy of the transcript of each in camera meeting be kept in the Committee Clerk's office for consultation by members of the Committee.

That 48 hours' notice be required for any substantive motion to be considered by the Committee, unless the substantive motion relates directly to business then under consideration; and that the notice of motion be filed with the Clerk of the Committee and distributed to members in both official languages.

That when the Chair and Vice-Chairs are unable to act in that capacity at or during a meeting of the Committee, the Chair shall designate a member of the Committee to act as Chair at or during the said meeting and such an acting Chair shall be vested with all the powers of the Chair at or during the said meeting.

That, whenever the Main Estimates or the Supplementary Estimates are tabled in the House, the Committee invite the Minister and appropriate senior officials to appear at a televised meeting of the Committee, if possible.

That whenever a chapter of a Report of the Auditor General refers to a subject under the mandate of the Committee, the Committee invite the Office of the Auditor General of Canada and any appropriate senior officials to appear at a televised meeting of the Committee, if possible.

That witnesses from an organization be given ten (10) minutes to make their opening statement; and that, at the discretion of the Chair, during the questioning of witnesses, there be allocated seven (7) minutes for the first questioner of each party and that thereafter five (5) minutes be allocated to each questioner who has not yet had a chance to participate, in the following order:

1st round (7 minutes)

— Liberal

— Bloc québécois

— NDP

— Conservative

2nd round (5 minutes)

— Liberal

— Bloc québécois

— Conservative

3rd round (5 minutes)

— Liberal

— Conservative

4th round (5 minutes)

— Liberal

— Conservative

after which, this schedule will repeat with a (5) five minute time limit for each round, and that no

individual member be allowed to participate more than once in each round.

Ed Komarnicki moved, — That the motion be amended in its second clause concerning the Subcommittee on Agenda and Procedure by replacing the words “Norman Doyle, Rahim Jaffer, Raymonde Folco, Andrew Telegdi, Meili Faille and Bill Siksay” with the words “the Chair, the two Vice-Chairs, the Parliamentary Secretary, a second member from the Liberal Party, and a member from the third opposition party, that the quorum of the subcommittee shall consist of at least three members, one of whom must be from the government, and that each member of the subcommittee shall be permitted to have one assistant attend at any meetings of the Subcommittee on Agenda and Procedure”.

After debate, the question was put on the amendment of Ed Komarnicki and it was agreed to.

Ed Komarnicki moved, — That the motion be amended in its fourth clause concerning reduced quorum by adding the words after “and one member of the government” the words “one member of the opposition”.

After debate, the question was put on the amendment of Ed Komarnicki and it was negatived.

Ed Komarnicki moved, — That the motion be amended in its seventh clause concerning staff at *in camera* meetings by adding after the words “one staff person at an *in camera* meeting” the following: “and in addition to that, one person from either the whip's office, the House leader's office, or the research division of each party”.

After debate, the question was put on the amendment of Ed Komarnicki and it was agreed to.

Ed Komarnicki moved, — That the motion be amended in its ninth clause concerning notice of motions by adding after the words, “both official languages”, the following: “and that the period of notice be calculated from the time the motion has been distributed to the members of the committee by the Clerk of the Committee”.

After debate, the question was put on the amendment of Ed Komarnicki and it was agreed to.

Ed Komarnicki moved, — That the motion be amended in its ninth clause concerning notice of motions by adding after the words, “Clerk of the Committee”, the following: “and that all motions shall be moved by their sponsor within two meetings of their first being listed on the agenda as committee business, failing which, the motion shall be deemed abandoned by the mover and shall be dispensed with and may no longer be subject to committee consideration”.

After debate, the question was put on the amendment of Ed Komarnicki and it was negatived.

Ed Komarnicki moved, — That the motion be amended in its thirteenth clause concerning questioning of witnesses by adding after the words, “more than once in each round”, the following: “unless another member gives up his allotted speaking time”.

After debate, the question was put on the amendment of Ed Komarnicki and it was agreed to.

Ed Komarnicki moved, — That the motion be amended by adding after the last clause, “That the consideration and examination of any Bill (Government or Private Member's Bill) which falls within the express mandate of the committee shall take precedence over any study or non-legislative examination, and in such circumstances the non-legislative study shall be deferred until such time as the Bill is reported back to the House”.

After debate, the question was put on the amendment of Ed Komarnicki and it was negated.

Ed Komarnicki moved, — That the motion be amended by adding after the last clause, “that every party shall have the right to attach as an annex a dissenting opinion on any report to be presented to the House of Commons by the Committee, and that this dissenting opinion shall be submitted to the Clerk of the Committee within 72 hours of passing of the report by the committee”.

After debate, the question was put on the amendment of Ed Komarnicki and it was negated.

Jim Karygiannis moved, — That the motion be amended by adding after the last clause, “that whenever a minister or any officials appear before the Committee, if they are to speak from notes, that a copy of the statement or notes be distributed by the start of their statements”.

After debate, the question was put on the amendment of Ed Komarnicki and it was agreed to.

After debate, the question was put on the motion, as amended, and it was agreed to.

The motion, as amended, read as follows:

That the Committee retain, as needed and at the discretion of the Chair, the services of one or more analysts from the Library of Parliament to assist it in its work.

That the Subcommittee on Agenda and Procedure be composed of the Chair, the two Vice-Chairs, the Parliamentary Secretary, a second member from the Liberal Party, and a member from the third opposition party, that the quorum of the subcommittee shall consist of at least three members, one of whom must be from the government, and that each member of the subcommittee shall be permitted to have one assistant attend at any meetings of the Subcommittee on Agenda and Procedure”.

That, if requested, reasonable travel, accommodation and living expenses be reimbursed to witnesses, not exceeding two representatives per organization; and that, in exceptional circumstances, payment for more representatives be made at the discretion of the Chair.

That the Chair be authorized to hold meetings to receive evidence and to have that evidence printed when a quorum is not present, provided that at least three members are present, including one member of the opposition.

That only the Clerk of the Committee be authorized to distribute to the members of the Committee documents and only when they exist in both official languages and that witnesses be advised accordingly.

That the Clerk of the Committee be authorized to make the necessary arrangements to provide working meals for the Committee and its Subcommittees.

That, unless otherwise ordered, each Committee member be allowed to be accompanied by one staff person at an *in camera* meeting and in addition to that, one person from either the whip's office, the House leader's office, or the research division of each party.

That one copy of the transcript of each *in camera* meeting be kept in the Committee Clerk's office for consultation by members of the Committee.

That 48 hours' notice be required for any substantive motion to be considered by the Committee, unless the substantive motion relates directly to business then under consideration; and that the notice of motion be filed with the Clerk of the Committee and distributed to members in both official languages and that the period of notice be calculated from the time the motion has been distributed to the members of the committee by the Clerk of the Committee.

That when the Chair and Vice-Chairs are unable to act in that capacity at or during a meeting of the Committee, the Chair shall designate a member of the Committee to act as Chair at or during the said meeting and such an acting Chair shall be vested with all the powers of the Chair at or during the said meeting.

That, whenever the Main Estimates or the Supplementary Estimates are tabled in the House, the Committee invite the Minister and appropriate senior officials to appear at a televised meeting of the Committee, if possible.

That whenever a chapter of a Report of the Auditor General refers to a subject under the mandate of the Committee, the Committee invite the Office of the Auditor General of Canada and any appropriate senior officials to appear at a televised meeting of the Committee, if possible.

That witnesses from an organization be given ten (10) minutes to make their opening statement; and that, at the discretion of the Chair, during the questioning of witnesses, there be allocated seven (7) minutes for the first questioner of each party and that thereafter five (5) minutes be allocated to each questioner who has not yet had a chance to participate, in the following order:

1st round (7 minutes)

— Liberal

— Bloc québécois

— NDP

— Conservative 2nd round (5 minutes)

— Liberal

— Bloc québécois

— Conservative 3rd round (5 minutes)

— Liberal

— Conservative 4th round (5 minutes)

— Liberal

— Conservative

after which, this schedule will repeat with a (5) five minute time limit for each round, and that no individual member be allowed to participate more than once in each round unless another member gives

up his allotted speaking time.

That whenever a minister or any officials appear before the Committee, if they are to speak from notes, that a copy of the statement or notes be distributed by the start of their statements.

Olivia Chow moved, — That the Committee defer consideration of her motion concerning Iraq war resisters for two meetings.

Debate arose thereon.

By unanimous consent, Olivia Chow moved, — That the Committee consider her motion concerning Iraq war resisters before the House adjourns for the holidays in December, subject to hearings having been held.

Debate arose thereon.

At 4:47 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Andrew Bartholomew Chaplin
Clerk of the Committee

2007/11/22 2:31 p.m.

HOUSE OF COMMONS OF CANADA
39th PARLIAMENT, 2nd SESSION

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS
STANDING COMMITTEE ON CITIZENSHIP AND
IMMIGRATION

Chair: Norman Doyle.

Meeting No. 3

Thursday, November 22, 2007

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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 3

Thursday, November 22, 2007

The Standing Committee on Citizenship and Immigration met *in camera* at 3:30 p.m. this day, in Room 308, West Block, the Chair, Norman Doyle, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Dave Batters, Colleen Beaumier, Hon. Maurizio Bevilacqua, Robert Carrier, Olivia Chow, Norman Doyle, Meili Faille, Hon. Jim Karygiannis, Ed Komarnicki and Hon. Andrew Telegdi.

Acting Members present: Denis Lebel for Wajid Khan and Bev Shipley for Nina Grewal.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Penny Becklumb, Analyst; Sandra Elgersma, Analyst.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

The Chair presented the First Report from the Subcommittee on Agenda and Procedure.

At 3:55 p.m., the Committee proceeded to sit in public.

On motion of Meili Faille, it was agreed, — That official representatives of CIC appear before the Committee on December 13, 2007, and submit by December 11 a history of regularization programs, statistics and a detailed report on undocumented workers.

At 3:58 p.m., the Committee proceeded to sit *in camera*.

It was agreed, — That the First Report of the Subcommittee on Agenda and Procedure, which read as follows, be adopted

In accordance with its mandate pursuant to Order made November 20, 2007, your Subcommittee has considered the question of the future business of the Committee and, in particular, continuing the work underway at prorogation.

The Subcommittee recommends that the Committee undertake the following work between now and when the House adjourns for the holidays in December:

Call official representatives of CIC to appear before the Committee on December 13, 2007, and send for, for delivery to the Committee by December 11, a history of regularization programs, statistics and a detailed report on undocumented workers;

Consideration of a report on loss of Canadian citizenship during four hours on November 27, and two hours each on November 28 and 29;

Inviting the Minister of Citizenship and Immigration to appear concerning the Supplementary Estimates (A) before they are deemed reported to the House (i.e. December 4 or earlier); and

Considering the issues surrounding Iraq war resisters and Iraqi refugees on December 6 and 11..

At 4:08 p.m., the Committee proceeded to sit in public.

At 4:10 p.m., the Committee proceeded to sit *in camera*.

It was agreed, — That the evidence and documentation received by the Standing Committee on Citizenship and Immigration during the First Session of the 39th Parliament in relation to its study of loss of Canadian citizenship for the years 1947, 1977 and 2007 be taken into consideration by the Committee in this session.

At 4:17 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Andrew Bartholomew Chaplin
Clerk of the Committee

2007/11/26 9:51 a.m.

HOUSE OF COMMONS OF CANADA
39th PARLIAMENT, 2nd SESSION

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS
STANDING COMMITTEE ON CITIZENSHIP AND
IMMIGRATION

Chair: Norman Doyle.

Meeting No. 3

Thursday, November 22, 2007

ORDER OF THE DAY:

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Dave Batters,
Colleen Beaumier,
Hon. Maurizio Bevilacqua,
Robert Carrier,
Olivia Chow,
Norman Doyle,
Meili Faille,
Hon. Jim Karygiannis,
Ed Komarnicki
and Hon. Andrew Telegdi.

ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

Denis Lebel for Wajid Khan,
and Bev Shipley for Nina Grewal.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:
Penny Becklumb, Analyst;

Sandra Elgersma, Analyst.

Andrew Bartholomew Chaplin
Clerk of the Committee

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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 3

Thursday, November 22, 2007

The Standing Committee on Citizenship and Immigration met *in camera* at 3:30 p.m. this day, in Room 308, West Block, the Chair, Norman Doyle, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Dave Batters, Colleen Beaumier, Hon. Maurizio Bevilacqua, Robert Carrier, Olivia Chow, Norman Doyle, Meili Faille, Hon. Jim Karygiannis, Ed Komarnicki and Hon. Andrew Telegdi.

Acting Members present: Denis Lebel for Wajid Khan and Bev Shipley for Nina Grewal.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Penny Becklumb, Analyst; Sandra Elgersma, Analyst.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

The Chair presented the First Report from the Subcommittee on Agenda and Procedure.

At 3:55 p.m., the Committee proceeded to sit in public.

On motion of Meili Faille, it was agreed, — That official representatives of CIC appear before the Committee on December 13, 2007, and submit by December 11 a history of regularization programs, statistics and a detailed report on undocumented workers.

At 3:58 p.m., the Committee proceeded to sit *in camera*.

It was agreed, — That the First Report of the Subcommittee on Agenda and Procedure, which read as follows, be adopted

In accordance with its mandate pursuant to Order made November 20, 2007, your Subcommittee has considered the question of the future business of the Committee and, in particular, continuing the work underway at prorogation.

The Subcommittee recommends that the Committee undertake the following work between now and when the House adjourns for the holidays in December:

Call official representatives of CIC to appear before the Committee on December 13, 2007, and send for, for delivery to the Committee by December 11, a history of regularization programs, statistics and a detailed report on undocumented workers;

Consideration of a report on loss of Canadian citizenship during four hours on November 27, and two hours each on November 28 and 29;

Inviting the Minister of Citizenship and Immigration to appear concerning the Supplementary Estimates (A) before they are deemed reported to the House (i.e. December 4 or earlier); and

Considering the issues surrounding Iraq war resisters and Iraqi refugees on December 6 and 11..

At 4:08 p.m., the Committee proceeded to sit in public.

At 4:10 p.m., the Committee proceeded to sit *in camera*.

It was agreed, — That the evidence and documentation received by the Standing Committee on Citizenship and Immigration during the First Session of the 39th Parliament in relation to its study of loss of Canadian citizenship for the years 1947, 1977 and 2007 be taken into consideration by the Committee in this session.

At 4:17 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Andrew Bartholomew Chaplin
Clerk of the Committee

2007/11/26 9:51 a.m.

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39th PARLIAMENT, 2nd SESSION

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STANDING COMMITTEE ON CITIZENSHIP AND
IMMIGRATION

Chair: Norman Doyle.

Meeting No. 4

Tuesday, November 27, 2007

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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 4

Tuesday, November 27, 2007

The Standing Committee on Citizenship and Immigration met *in camera* at 3:36 p.m. this day, in Room 308, West Block, the Chair, Norman Doyle, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Hon. Maurizio Bevilacqua, Robert Carrier, Olivia Chow, Norman Doyle, Meili Faille, Nina Grewal, Ed Komarnicki and Hon. Andrew Telegdi.

Acting Members present: Hon. Dan McTeague for Hon. Jim Karygiannis, Mario Silva for Hon. Andrew Telegdi, Joy Smith for Dave Batters and Bradley R. Trost for Wajid Khan.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Penny Becklumb, Analyst; Sandra Elgersma, Analyst.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on Thursday, November 22, 2007, the Committee commenced its study of Canadian Citizenship for the years 1947, 1977 and 2007.

The Committee commenced consideration of a draft report.

At 5:00 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Andrew Bartholomew Chaplin
Clerk of the Committee

2007/12/07 7:33 a.m.

HOUSE OF COMMONS OF CANADA
39th PARLIAMENT, 2nd SESSION

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS
STANDING COMMITTEE ON CITIZENSHIP AND
IMMIGRATION

Chair: Norman Doyle.

Meeting No. 5

Thursday, November 29, 2007

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on Thursday, November 22, 2007, the Committee resumed its study of the Loss of Canadian Citizenship for the years 1947, 1977 and 2007.

Pursuant to Standing Order 81(5), the Committee commenced consideration of the Supplementary Estimates (A) 2007-2008: Votes 1a, 2a and 10a under CITIZENSHIP AND IMMIGRATION referred to the Committee on Tuesday, October 30, 2007.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Dave Batters,
Hon. Maurizio Bevilacqua,
Robert Carrier,
Olivia Chow,
Norman Doyle,
Meili Faille,
Ed Komarnicki
and Hon. Andrew Telegdi.

ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

Ken Epp for Nina Grewal,
Hon. Shawn Murphy for Hon. Jim Karygiannis,
and Bradley R. Trost for Wajid Khan.

OTHER MEMBERS PRESENT:

Raymonde Folco.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:

Penny Becklumb, Analyst;

Sandra Elgersma, Analyst;

Philippe Le Goff, Analyst.

APPEARING:

Hon. Diane Finley, Minister of Citizenship and Immigration.

WITNESSES:

Department of Citizenship and Immigration:

Wayne Ganim, Chief Financial Officer and Director General,
Finance Branch;

Richard Fadden, Deputy Minister;

Claudette Deschênes, Assistant Deputy Minister, Operations.

Andrew Bartholomew Chaplin
Clerk of the Committee

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Meeting No. 5

Thursday, November 29, 2007

The Standing Committee on Citizenship and Immigration met *in camera* at 3:35 p.m. this day, in Room 209, West Block, the Chair, Norman Doyle, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Dave Batters, Hon. Maurizio Bevilacqua, Robert Carrier, Olivia Chow, Norman Doyle, Meili Faille, Ed Komarnicki and Hon. Andrew Telegdi.

Acting Members present: Ken Epp for Nina Grewal, Hon. Shawn Murphy for Hon. Jim Karygiannis and Bradley R. Trost for Wajid Khan.

Other Members present: Raymonde Folco.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Penny Becklumb, Analyst; Sandra Elgersma, Analyst; Philippe Le Goff, Analyst.

Appearing: Hon. Diane Finley, Minister of Citizenship and Immigration.

Witnesses: Department of Citizenship and Immigration: Wayne Ganim, Chief Financial Officer and Director General, Finance Branch; Richard Fadden, Deputy Minister; Claudette Deschênes, Assistant Deputy Minister, Operations.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on Thursday, November 22, 2007, the Committee resumed its study of the Loss of Canadian Citizenship for the years 1947, 1977 and 2007.

It was agreed, — That the draft report, as amended, be adopted;

That the Chair be authorized to make such grammatical and editorial changes as may be necessary without changing the substance of the report;

That, pursuant to Standing Order 109, the Committee request that the Government table a comprehensive response to the report; and

That 250 copies of the report be printed in accordance with the policy established by the Board of Internal Economy in a tumble bilingual format.

At 3:55 p.m., the Committee resumed to sit in public.

On motion of Maurizio Bevilacqua, it was agreed, — That the report be entitled “Reclaiming Citizenship for Canadians: A Report on the Loss of Canadian Citizenship”.

At 4:08 p.m., the Committee resumed to sit *in camera*.

At 4:21 p.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 4:31 p.m., the sitting resumed in public.

Pursuant to Standing Order 81(5), the Committee commenced consideration of the Supplementary Estimates (A) 2007-2008: Votes 1a, 2a and 10a under CITIZENSHIP AND IMMIGRATION referred to the Committee on Tuesday, October 30, 2007.

The Minister made a statement and, with the witnesses, answered questions.

The Chair called Vote 1a under CITIZENSHIP AND IMMIGRATION.

Vote 1a under CITIZENSHIP AND IMMIGRATION carried.

The Chair called Vote 2a under CITIZENSHIP AND IMMIGRATION.

Vote 2a under CITIZENSHIP AND IMMIGRATION carried.

The Chair called Vote 10a under CITIZENSHIP AND IMMIGRATION.

Vote 10a under CITIZENSHIP AND IMMIGRATION carried.

ORDERED, — That the Chair report Votes 1a, 2a and 10a, under CITIZENSHIP AND IMMIGRATION to the House.

At 5:32 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Andrew Bartholomew Chaplin
Clerk of the Committee

2007/11/30 12:59 p.m.

HOUSE OF COMMONS OF CANADA
39th PARLIAMENT, 2nd SESSION

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

**STANDING COMMITTEE ON CITIZENSHIP AND
IMMIGRATION**

Chair: Norman Doyle.

Meeting No. 6

Thursday, December 6, 2007

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on Thursday, November 22, 2007, the Committee commenced its study of Iraq war resisters.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Dave Batters,
Colleen Beaumier,
Robert Carrier,
Olivia Chow,
Norman Doyle,
Meili Faille,
Nina Grewal,
Hon. Jim Karygiannis,
Ed Komarnicki
and Hon. Andrew Telegdi.

ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

Lloyd St. Amand for Hon. Maurizio Bevilacqua,
and Bradley R. Trost for Wajid Khan.

OTHER MEMBERS PRESENT:

Alex Atamanenko.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:

Penny Becklumb, Analyst;
Sandra Elgersma, Analyst.

WITNESSES:

Department of Citizenship and Immigration:

Les Linklater, Director General, Immigration Branch;
Micheline Aucoin, Director General, Refugees Branch.

Mennonite Central Committee:

William Janzen, Director.

War Resisters' Support Campaign:

Phillip McDowell.

As an Individual:

Jeffry A. House.

Canadian Friends Service Committee:

Gay Anne Broughton, Program Coordinator.

Les Linklater made a statement and, with Micheline Aucoin, answered questions.

Andrew Bartholomew Chaplin
Clerk of the Committee

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Meeting No. 6

Thursday, December 6, 2007

The Standing Committee on Citizenship and Immigration met at 3:34 p.m. this day, in Room 269, West Block, the Chair, Norman Doyle, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Dave Batters, Colleen Beaumier, Robert Carrier, Olivia Chow, Norman Doyle, Meili Faille, Nina Grewal, Hon. Jim Karygiannis, Ed Komarnicki and Hon. Andrew Telegdi.

Acting Members present: Lloyd St. Amand for Hon. Maurizio Bevilacqua and Bradley R. Trost for Wajid Khan.

Other Members present: Alex Atamanenko.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Penny Becklumb, Analyst; Sandra Elgersma, Analyst.

Witnesses: Department of Citizenship and Immigration: Les Linklater, Director General, Immigration Branch; Micheline Aucoin, Director General, Refugees Branch. *Mennonite Central Committee:* William Janzen, Director. *War Resisters' Support Campaign:* Phillip McDowell. *As an individual:* Jeffry A. House. *Canadian Friends Service Committee:* Gay Anne Broughton, Program Coordinator.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on Thursday, November 22, 2007, the Committee commenced its study of Iraq war resisters.

Les Linklater made a statement and, with Micheline Aucoin, answered questions.

William Janzen, Philip McDowell, Jeffry A. House and Gay Anne Broughton made statements and answered questions.

Jim Karygiannis moved, — The Committee recommends that the government immediately implement a program to allow conscientious objectors and their immediate family members (partners and dependents), who have refused or left military service related to the war in Iraq and do not have a criminal record and/or there has been no criminal or military warrants issued against them, to apply for permanent resident status and remain in Canada; and that the government should immediately cease any removal or deportation actions that may have already commenced against such individuals.

Olivia Chow moved, — That the motion be amended by replacing the words “the war in Iraq” with the words “a war not sanctioned by the United Nations”; and by deleting the words “and/or there has been no criminal or military warrants issued against them”.

After debate, the question was put on the amendment of Olivia Chow and it was agreed to on the following recorded division: YEAS: Colleen Beaumier, Robert Carrier, Olivia Chow, Meili Faille, Jim Karygiannis, Lloyd St. Amand, Andrew Telegdi — 7; NAYS: Dave Batters, Nina Grewal, Ed Komarnicki, Bradley R. Trost — 4.

After debate, the question was put on the motion, as amended, and it was agreed to on the following

recorded division: YEAS: Colleen Beaumier, Robert Carrier, Olivia Chow, Meili Faille, Jim Karygiannis, Lloyd St. Amand, Andrew Telegdi — 7; NAYS: Dave Batters, Nina Grewal, Ed Komarnicki, Bradley R. Trost — 4.

The motion, as amended, read as follows:

That the Committee recommend that the government immediately implement a program to allow conscientious objectors and their immediate family members (partners and dependents), who have refused or left military service related to a war not sanctioned by the United Nations and do not have a criminal record, to apply for permanent resident status and remain in Canada; and that the government should immediately cease any removal or deportation actions that may have already commenced against such individuals.

At 5:14 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Andrew Bartholomew Chaplin
Clerk of the Committee

2007/12/10 3:40 p.m.

HOUSE OF COMMONS OF CANADA
39th PARLIAMENT, 2nd SESSION

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

**STANDING COMMITTEE ON CITIZENSHIP AND
IMMIGRATION**

Chair: Norman Doyle.

Meeting No. 7

Tuesday, December 11, 2007

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on Thursday, November 22, 2007, the Committee commenced its study of Iraqi refugees.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Dave Batters,
Colleen Beaumier,
Hon. Maurizio Bevilacqua,
Robert Carrier,
Olivia Chow,
Norman Doyle,
Meili Faille,
Nina Grewal,
Hon. Jim Karygiannis,
Ed Komarnicki
and Hon. Andrew Telegdi.

ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

Bradley R. Trost for Wajid Khan.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:

Penny Becklumb, Analyst;
Sandra Elgersma, Analyst.

WITNESSES:

Department of Citizenship and Immigration:

Micheline Aucoin, Director General, Refugees Branch;
Bruce Scofield, Director, Operational Coordination, International
Region.

Department of Foreign Affairs and International Trade:

Catherine Godin, Director, Humanitarian Affairs and Disaster
Response Group.

Canadian International Development Agency:

Françoise Ducros, Director General, Europe, Middle East and
Maghreb Branch.

Amnesty International Canada:

Alex Neve, Secretary General.

Canadian Council for Refugees:

Elizabeth McWeeny, President;
Glynis Williams, Member.

Fraser Institute:

Martin Collacott, Senior Fellow.

As an Individual:

James Bissett.

Andrew Bartholomew Chaplin
Clerk of the Committee

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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 7

Tuesday, December 11, 2007

The Standing Committee on Citizenship and Immigration met at 3:30 p.m. this day, in Room 209, West Block, the Chair, Norman Doyle, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Dave Batters, Colleen Beaumier, Hon. Maurizio Bevilacqua, Robert Carrier, Olivia Chow, Norman Doyle, Meili Faille, Nina Grewal, Hon. Jim Karygiannis, Ed Komarnicki and Hon. Andrew Telegdi.

Acting Members present: Bradley R. Trost for Wajid Khan.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Penny Becklumb, Analyst; Sandra Elgersma, Analyst.

Witnesses: Department of Citizenship and Immigration: Micheline Aucoin, Director General, Refugees Branch; Bruce Scofield, Director, Operational Coordination, International Region. *Department of Foreign Affairs and International Trade:* Catherine Godin, Director, Humanitarian Affairs and Disaster Response Group. *Canadian International Development Agency:* Françoise Ducros, Director General, Europe, Middle East and Maghreb Branch. *Amnesty International Canada:* Alex Neve, Secretary General. *Canadian Council for Refugees:* Elizabeth McWeeny, President; Glynis Williams, Member. *Fraser Institute:* Martin Collacott, Senior Fellow. *As an individual:* James Bissett.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on Thursday, November 22, 2007, the Committee commenced its study of Iraqi refugees.

Micheline Aucoin made a statement and, with Bruce Scofield, Françoise Ducros and Catherine Godin, answered questions.

At 4:32 p.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 4:36 p.m., the sitting resumed.

Alex Neve, Elizabeth McWeeny, Glynis Williams, Martin Collacott and James Bissett made statements and answered questions.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

Jim Karygiannis moved, — That the Committee report to the House of Commons as follows:

Further to its Second Report to the House on the loss of Canadian citizenship presented in the House on December 6, 2007, the Committee recommends that the government extend Canadian citizenship to all children born abroad of Canadian parents who were themselves born abroad of Canadian parents, provided that, when these children reach the age of twenty-four years, they confirm their intent to maintain Canadian citizenship and renew that confirmation every five years thereafter; and

That the Chair present the report in the House no later than December 12, 2007.

After debate, by unanimous consent, the motion was withdrawn.

Jim Karygiannis moved, — That the Committee send for a report from the government regarding the status of transfers of funds to the Province of Ontario pursuant to the Canada-Ontario Immigration Agreement, and regarding analogous transfers to the other provinces.

The question was put on the motion and it was agreed to, by a show of hands: YEAS: 7; NAYS: 4.

Olivia Chow moved, — That, pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee recommend the government immediately serve notice and then proceed to abrogate the Safe Third Country Agreement with the United States of America.

Debate arose thereon.

Jim Karygiannis moved, — That the motion be amended by replacing the words “recommend the government immediately serve notice and then proceed to abrogate” with the words “request a briefing from the department on”.

After debate, the question was put on the amendment of Jim Karygiannis and it was agreed to.

After debate, the question was put on the motion, as amended, and it was agreed to.

Olivia Chow moved, — That the committee adopt the motion adopted on December 6, 2007 with regard to War Resisters as a report to the House and that the Chair present this report to the House.

Debate arose thereon.

Jim Karygiannis moved, — That the motion be amended by adding after the words “report to the House” the following: “before the House adjourns for the holidays”.

After debate, the question was put on the amendment of Jim Karygiannis and it was agreed to, by a show of hands: YEAS: 7; NAYS: 4.

After debate, the question was put on the motion, as amended, and it was agreed to, by a show of hands: YEAS: 7; NAYS: 4.

Ed Komarnicki moved, — That the Committee append to its report a dissenting opinion from the Conservative Party, provided that it is submitted electronically to the Clerk of the Committee in time to allow for the presentation of report in the House before its adjourns for the holidays.

After debate, the question was put on the motion and it was agreed to.

At 5:58 p.m., the Committee proceeded to sit *in camera*.

It was agreed, — That the Second Report of the Subcommittee on Agenda and Procedure, which read as follows, be adopted

In accordance with its mandate pursuant to Order made November 20, 2007, your Subcommittee has considered the question of the business of the Committee.

Your Subcommittee recommends that the unedited transcripts of Committee meetings ("Blues") be distributed on request to interested members of the bureaucracy, media and public, provided that a clear caveat on their appropriate use accompanies them.

Your Subcommittee recommends that the televising of meetings, other than those involving the appearance of a minister, be decided on a case-by-case basis.

As to the future business of the Committee, pursuant to the motion adopted November 22, 2007, the Subcommittee recommends that the Committee undertake the following work when the House returns in the New Year, with priority given to each study as suggested by its order below:

The Committee should devote its first meeting in the New Year to the consideration of Bill C-17;

Should the House refer a Bill to the Committee to address the issue of the loss of Canadian citizenship, the Committee should immediately take it up and continue to consider it until the Committee can report the Bill to the House;

The Committee should take into consideration in this session the evidence and documentation received by the Standing Committee on Citizenship and Immigration during the First Session of the 39th Parliament in relation to its study of refugee issues. To the end of completing the study of issues surrounding Iraqi refugees, the Committee should travel to hear witnesses in major centres across Canada as soon as possible after reporting the Bills above to the House;

At the same time as it travels to hear witnesses on Iraqi refugees, the Committee should hear witnesses in relation to its study of undocumented workers and temporary foreign workers;

Also, at the same time as it travels to hear witnesses on Iraqi refugees, the Committee should hear witnesses in relation to its study of immigration consultants; and

The Committee should request from the department a briefing on the Safe Third Country Agreement with the United States of America.

Your Subcommittee recommends that, when the Committee travels, it do so between Mondays and Thursdays, to preserve Friday and weekends for constituency business.

It was agreed, — That the Committee send for a report from the department detailing statistics related to the registration of Canadians born abroad and to the registration of births of second-generation Canadians abroad since 1977.

It was agreed, — That the Chair, after consulting the Vice-Chairs and the representative of the third opposition party, be authorized to plan and to finalize the budgets and itineraries for the Committee's travel in February and/or March 2007, and to present the said budget or budgets to the Subcommittee on Budgets of the Liaison Committee; that the required staff accompany the Committee when it travels from place to place inside Canada; and that the Chair be authorized to seek an Order of Reference from the House of Commons for the Committee's travel.

It was agreed, — That the proposed budget in the amount of \$8,350, for the study of issues related to Iraq war resisters, be adopted, and that the Chair present the said budget to the Budget Subcommittee of the Liaison Committee.

At 6:20 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Andrew Bartholomew Chaplin
Clerk of the Committee

2007/12/17 2:45 p.m.

HOUSE OF COMMONS OF CANADA
39th PARLIAMENT, 2nd SESSION

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS
STANDING COMMITTEE ON CITIZENSHIP AND
IMMIGRATION

Chair: Norman Doyle.

Meeting No. 8

Wednesday, January 30, 2008

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to the Order of Reference of Thursday, November 1, 2007, the Committee resumed consideration of Bill C-17, An Act to amend the Immigration and Refugee Protection Act.

Pursuant to the Order of Reference of Thursday, November 1, 2007, the Committee resumed consideration of Bill C-17, An Act to amend the Immigration and Refugee Protection Act.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Dave Batters,
Colleen Beaumier,
Robert Carrier,
Olivia Chow,
Norman Doyle,
Nina Grewal,
Hon. Jim Karygiannis,
Ed Komarnicki,
Thierry St-Cyr
and Hon. Andrew Telegdi.

ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

Omar Alghabra for Hon. Maurizio Bevilacqua,
and Bradley R. Trost for Wajid Khan.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:

Laura Barnett, Analyst;
Sandra Elgersma, Analyst.

WITNESSES:

Department of Citizenship and Immigration:

Les Linklater, Director General, Immigration Branch;
Eric Stevens, Legal Counsel, Legal Services;
Maia Welbourne, Director, Temporary Resident Policy and
Programs Development, Immigration Branch.

As an Individual:

Leslie Ann Jeffrey, Associate Professor, Department of History
and Politics, University of New Brunswick.

Canadian Centre for Abuse Awareness:

John Muise, Director, Public Safety.

Canadian Council for Refugees:

Janet Dench, Executive Director;
Francisco Rico-Martinez, Former President.

Les Linklater made a statement and, with Eric Stevens and Maia Welbourne, answered questions.

Leslie Ann Jeffrey, John Muise, Janet Dench and Francisco Rico-Martinez made statements and answered questions.

Andrew Bartholomew Chaplin
Clerk of the Committee

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Meeting No. 8

Wednesday, January 30, 2008

The Standing Committee on Citizenship and Immigration met at 3:32 p.m. this day, in Room 371, West Block, the Chair, Norman Doyle, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Dave Batters, Colleen Beaumier, Robert Carrier, Olivia Chow, Norman Doyle, Nina Grewal, Hon. Jim Karygiannis, Ed Komarnicki, Thierry St-Cyr and Hon. Andrew Telegdi.

Acting Members present: Omar Alghabra for Hon. Maurizio Bevilacqua and Bradley R. Trost for Wajid Khan.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Laura Barnett, Analyst; Sandra Elgersma, Analyst.

Witnesses: Department of Citizenship and Immigration: Les Linklater, Director General, Immigration Branch; Eric Stevens, Legal Counsel, Legal Services; Maia Welbourne, Director, Temporary Resident Policy and Programs Development, Immigration Branch. *As an individual:* Leslie Ann Jeffrey, Associate Professor, Department of History and Politics, University of New Brunswick. *Canadian Centre for Abuse Awareness:* John Muisse, Director, Public Safety. *Canadian Council for Refugees:* Janet Dench, Executive Director; Francisco Rico-Martinez, Former President.

Pursuant to the Order of Reference of Thursday, November 1, 2007, the Committee commenced consideration of Bill C-17, An Act to amend the Immigration and Refugee Protection Act.

Les Linklater made a statement and, with Eric Stevens and Maia Welbourne, answered questions.

The Clerk of the Committee presided over the election of a Second Vice-Chair.

On motion of Robert Carrier, it was agreed, — That Thierry St-Cyr be elected Second Vice-Chair of the Committee.

Pursuant to the Order of Reference of Thursday, November 1, 2007, the Committee resumed consideration of Bill C-17, An Act to amend the Immigration and Refugee Protection Act.

Leslie Ann Jeffrey, John Muisse, Janet Dench and Francisco Rico-Martinez made statements and answered questions.

At 5:30 p.m., the bells sounded to call members into a recorded division.

By unanimous consent, it was agreed, — Pursuant to Standing Order 115(5), that the Committee continue sitting.

At 5:34 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Andrew Bartholomew Chaplin
Clerk of the Committee

2008/01/31 3:43 p.m.

HOUSE OF COMMONS OF CANADA
39th PARLIAMENT, 2nd SESSION

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS
STANDING COMMITTEE ON CITIZENSHIP AND
IMMIGRATION

Chair: Norman Doyle.

Meeting No. 9

Monday, February 4, 2008

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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 9

Monday, February 4, 2008

The Standing Committee on Citizenship and Immigration met *in camera* at 3:33 p.m. this day, in Room 371, West Block, the Chair, Norman Doyle, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Dave Batters, Robert Carrier, Olivia Chow, Norman Doyle, Nina Grewal, Hon. Jim Karygiannis, Ed Komarnicki, Thierry St-Cyr and Hon. Andrew Telegdi.

Acting Members present: Hon. Mauril Bélanger for Colleen Beaumier, Ruby Dhalla for Hon. Maurizio Bevilacqua and Bradley R. Trost for Wajid Khan.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Penny Becklumb, Analyst; Sandra Elgersma, Analyst.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

It was agreed, — That the Third Report of the Subcommittee on Agenda and Procedure, which read as follows, be adopted:

In accordance with its mandate pursuant to Order made November 20, 2007, your Subcommittee has considered the question of the business of the Committee.

Pursuant to the motions adopted November 22, 2007, and notwithstanding the motion of December 11, 2007, the Subcommittee recommends:

That the Committee include consideration of Bill C-17, An Act to amend the Immigration and Refugee Protection Act, when it hears evidence on undocumented and temporary foreign workers; and

That, pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee give priority to a preliminary study of Bill C-37, An Act to amend the Citizenship Act.

It was agreed, — That the department be invited to brief the Committee on the numbers of first- and second-generation Canadians born abroad, the numbers of applications, and about what difficulties an applicant may face in trying to obtain citizenship.

At 4:27 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Andrew Bartholomew Chaplin
Clerk of the Committee

2008/02/19 1:18 p.m.

HOUSE OF COMMONS OF CANADA
39th PARLIAMENT, 2nd SESSION

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

**STANDING COMMITTEE ON CITIZENSHIP AND
IMMIGRATION**

Chair: Norman Doyle.

Meeting No. 10

Wednesday, February 6, 2008

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee commenced a pre-study of Bill C-37 An Act to amend the Citizenship Act.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Dave Batters,
Colleen Beaumier,
Hon. Maurizio Bevilacqua,
Robert Carrier,
Olivia Chow,
Norman Doyle,
Nina Grewal,
Hon. Jim Karygiannis,
Wajid Khan,
Ed Komarnicki,
Thierry St-Cyr
and Hon. Andrew Telegdi.

ASSOCIATE MEMBERS PRESENT:

Blair Wilson.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:

Penny Becklumb, Analyst;
Sandra Elgersma, Analyst.

WITNESSES:

Lost Canadian Organization:

Don Chapman.

Mennonite Central Committee Canada:

William Janzen, Director, Ottawa Office.

Canadian War Brides:

Melynda Jarratt, Historian.

Andrew Bartholomew Chaplin
Clerk of the Committee

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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 10

Wednesday, February 6, 2008

The Standing Committee on Citizenship and Immigration met at 3:43 p.m. this day, in Room 209, West Block, the Chair, Norman Doyle, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Dave Batters, Colleen Beaumier, Hon. Maurizio Bevilacqua, Robert Carrier, Olivia Chow, Norman Doyle, Nina Grewal, Hon. Jim Karygiannis, Wajid Khan, Ed Komarnicki, Thierry St-Cyr and Hon. Andrew Telegdi.

Associate Members present: Blair Wilson.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Penny Becklumb, Analyst; Sandra Elgersma, Analyst.

Witnesses: Lost Canadian Organization: Don Chapman. *Mennonite Central Committee Canada:* William Janzen, Director, Ottawa Office. *Canadian War Brides:* Melynda Jarratt, Historian.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee commenced a pre-study of Bill C-37 An Act to amend the Citizenship Act.

The witnesses made statements and answered questions.

On motion of Andrew Telegdi, it was agreed, — That, in the opinion of the Committee, the government should refer Bill C-37 to the Standing Committee on Citizenship and Immigration as soon as possible; and

That the Chair report this to the House.

At 5:19 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Andrew Bartholomew Chaplin
Clerk of the Committee

2008/02/07 11:35 a.m.

HOUSE OF COMMONS OF CANADA
39th PARLIAMENT, 2nd SESSION

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

**STANDING COMMITTEE ON CITIZENSHIP AND
IMMIGRATION**

Chair: Norman Doyle.

Meeting No. 11

Monday, February 11, 2008

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to the Order of Reference of Thursday, February 7, 2008, the Committee resumed consideration of Bill C-37, An Act to amend the Citizenship Act.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Dave Batters,
Colleen Beaumier,
Robert Carrier,
Olivia Chow,
Norman Doyle,
Nina Grewal,
Hon. Jim Karygiannis,
Wajid Khan,
Ed Komarnicki,
Thierry St-Cyr
and Hon. Andrew Telegdi.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:
Penny Becklumb, Analyst;
Sandra Elgersma, Analyst.

WITNESSES:

Royal Canadian Legion:

Pierre Allard, Service Bureau Director, Dominion Command;
Erl Kish, Dominion Vice-President.

Department of Citizenship and Immigration:

Mark Davidson, Director, Legislation and Program Policy,
Citizenship Branch;
Ann Heathcote, Senior Policy Advisor, Citizenship Branch;
Lori Beckerman, Acting Team Leader, Senior Counsel, Integration
and Admissibility Team, Legal Services.

Mark Davidson made a statement and, with Lori Beckerman and Ann Heathcote,
answered questions.

Andrew Bartholomew Chaplin
Clerk of the Committee

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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 11

Monday, February 11, 2008

The Standing Committee on Citizenship and Immigration met at 3:36 p.m. this day, in Room 209, West Block, the Chair, Norman Doyle, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Dave Batters, Colleen Beaumier, Robert Carrier, Olivia Chow, Norman Doyle, Nina Grewal, Hon. Jim Karygiannis, Wajid Khan, Ed Komarnicki, Thierry St-Cyr and Hon. Andrew Telegdi.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Penny Becklumb, Analyst; Sandra Elgersma, Analyst.

Witnesses: Royal Canadian Legion: Pierre Allard, Service Bureau Director, Dominion Command; Erl Kish, Dominion Vice-President. *Department of Citizenship and Immigration:* Mark Davidson, Director, Legislation and Program Policy, Citizenship Branch; Ann Heathcote, Senior Policy Advisor, Citizenship Branch; Lori Beckerman, Acting Team Leader, Senior Counsel, Integration and Admissibility Team, Legal Services.

Pursuant to the Order of Reference of Thursday, February 7, 2008, the Committee commenced consideration of Bill C-37, An Act to amend the Citizenship Act.

Erl Kish and Pierre Allard made statements and answered questions.

At 4:28 p.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 4:30 p.m., the sitting resumed.

Mark Davidson made a statement and, with Lori Beckerman and Ann Heathcote, answered questions.

Ed Komarnicki moved, — That, on Wednesday, February 13, at 3:30 p.m., the witnesses from Citizenship and Immigration appear before this Committee and that we immediately proceed to clause-by-clause consideration of Bill C-37 until consideration is completed.

After debate, the question was put on the motion and it was agreed to, by a show of hands: YEAS: 7; NAYS: 2.

At 5:26 p.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 5:26 p.m., the sitting resumed *in camera*.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

It was agreed, — That the operating budgets for the study of Bill C-17 and the pre-study of Bill C-37 in the amounts of \$5,700 and \$5,150 respectively be adopted.

At 5:33 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Andrew Bartholomew Chaplin
Clerk of the Committee

2008/02/19 11:29 a.m.

HOUSE OF COMMONS OF CANADA
39th PARLIAMENT, 2nd SESSION

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

**STANDING COMMITTEE ON CITIZENSHIP AND
IMMIGRATION**

Chair: Norman Doyle.

Meeting No. 12

Wednesday, February 13, 2008

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to the Order of Reference of Thursday, February 7, 2008, the Committee resumed consideration of Bill C-37, An Act to amend the Citizenship Act.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Dave Batters,
Colleen Beaumier,
Hon. Maurizio Bevilacqua,
Robert Carrier,
Olivia Chow,
Norman Doyle,
Nina Grewal,
Hon. Jim Karygiannis,
Wajid Khan,
Ed Komarnicki,
Thierry St-Cyr
and Hon. Andrew Telegdi.

IN ATTENDANCE:

House of Commons:
Marc Toupin, Legislative Clerk.
Library of Parliament:
Penny Becklumb, Analyst;
Sandra Elgersma, Analyst.

WITNESSES:

Department of Citizenship and Immigration:

Mark Davidson, Director, Legislation and Program Policy,
Citizenship Branch;

Ann Heathcote, Senior Policy Advisor, Citizenship Branch;

Alain Laurencelle, Legal Counsel, Integration and Admissibility
Team, Legal Services.

Andrew Bartholomew Chaplin
Clerk of the Committee

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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 12

Wednesday, February 13, 2008

The Standing Committee on Citizenship and Immigration met at 3:30 p.m. this day, in Room 371, West Block, the Chair, Norman Doyle, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Dave Batters, Colleen Beaumier, Hon. Maurizio Bevilacqua, Robert Carrier, Olivia Chow, Norman Doyle, Nina Grewal, Hon. Jim Karygiannis, Wajid Khan, Ed Komarnicki, Thierry St-Cyr and Hon. Andrew Telegdi.

In attendance: House of Commons: Marc Toupin, Legislative Clerk. Library of Parliament: Penny Becklumb, Analyst; Sandra Elgersma, Analyst.

Witnesses: Department of Citizenship and Immigration: Mark Davidson, Director, Legislation and Program Policy, Citizenship Branch; Ann Heathcote, Senior Policy Advisor, Citizenship Branch; Alain Laurencelle, Legal Counsel, Integration and Admissibility Team, Legal Services.

Pursuant to the Order of Reference of Thursday, February 7, 2008, the Committee resumed consideration of Bill C-37, An Act to amend the Citizenship Act.

The Chair called Clause 1.

The witnesses made statements and answered questions.

Clause 1 carried.

On Clause 2

By unanimous consent, Jim Karygiannis moved, — That a parliamentary review be done on this legislation within 5 years.

The question was put on the motion and it was negatived.

After debate, Clause 2 carried.

Clauses 3 to 12 inclusive carried severally.

On Clause 13,

Ed Komarnicki moved, — That Bill C-37, in Clause 13, be amended by replacing, in the English version, line 8 on page 10 with the following:

“was made abroad on or after January 1, 1947 if”

After debate, the question was put on the amendment of Ed Komarnicki and it was agreed to.

After debate, Clause 13, as amended, carried.

On Clause 14,

Thierry St-Cyr moved, — That Bill C-37, in Clause 14, be amended by replacing line 20 on page 10 with the following:

“Council, but no later than 180 days after the day on which this Act receives royal assent.”

Andrew Telegdi moved, — That the amendment be amended by replacing the words “180 days” with the words “365 days”.

At 4:37 p.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 4:58 p.m., the sitting resumed.

After debate, the question was put on the subamendment of Andrew Telegdi and it was agreed to.

By unanimous consent, Jim Karygiannis moved, — That the amendment be amended by adding after the word “assent” the following:

“and that the department report to this Committee within these 365 days.”

The question was put on the subamendment of Jim Karygiannis and it was negatived.

The question was put on the amendment of Thierry St-Cyr, as amended, and it was agreed to.

After debate, Clause 14, as amended, carried.

The Title carried.

The Bill, as amended, carried.

ORDERED, — That the Chair report the Bill, as amended, to the House.

On motion of Ed Komarnicki, it was agreed, — That the Committee recommend to the House that Bill C-37 be passed at all remaining stages without further amendment as soon as possible, and that the Chair report this to the House.

At 5:05 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Andrew Bartholomew Chaplin
Clerk of the Committee

2008/02/15 10:18 a.m.

HOUSE OF COMMONS OF CANADA
39th PARLIAMENT, 2nd SESSION

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

**STANDING COMMITTEE ON CITIZENSHIP AND
IMMIGRATION**

Chair: Norman Doyle.

Meeting No. 13

Monday, February 25, 2008

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on Thursday, November 22, 2007, the Committee commenced its study of undocumented and temporary foreign workers.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Dave Batters,
Hon. Maurizio Bevilacqua,
Robert Carrier,
Olivia Chow,
Norman Doyle,
Nina Grewal,
Wajid Khan,
Ed Komarnicki,
Thierry St-Cyr
and Hon. Andrew Telegdi.

ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

Susan Kadis for Colleen Beaumier,
and Yasmin Ratansi for Hon. Jim Karygiannis.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:

Penny Becklumb, Analyst;
Sandra Elgersma, Analyst.

WITNESSES:

Department of Citizenship and Immigration:

Les Linklater, Director General, Immigration Branch;
Heidi Smith, Director, Permanent Resident Policy and Programs
Development Division, Immigration Branch.

Canada Border Services Agency:

Robert MacDougall, Director General, Enforcement Program,
Enforcement Programs Directorate.

Department of Human Resources and Social Development:

Andrew Kenyon, Director General, Temporary Foreign Workers
Directorate.

Les Linklater, Robert MacDougall and Andrew Kenyon made statements and, with Heidi
smith, answered questions.

Andrew Bartholomew Chaplin
Clerk of the Committee

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Meeting No. 13

Monday, February 25, 2008

The Standing Committee on Citizenship and Immigration met at 3:33 p.m. this day, in Room 536, Wellington Building, the Chair, Norman Doyle, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Dave Batters, Hon. Maurizio Bevilacqua, Robert Carrier, Olivia Chow, Norman Doyle, Nina Grewal, Wajid Khan, Ed Komarnicki, Thierry St-Cyr and Hon. Andrew Telegdi.

Acting Members present: Susan Kadis for Colleen Beaumier and Yasmin Ratansi for Hon. Jim Karygiannis.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Penny Becklumb, Analyst; Sandra Elgersma, Analyst.

Witnesses: Department of Citizenship and Immigration: Les Linklater, Director General, Immigration Branch; Heidi Smith, Director, Permanent Resident Policy and Programs Development Division, Immigration Branch. *Canada Border Services Agency:* Robert MacDougall, Director General, Enforcement Program, Enforcement Programs Directorate. *Department of Human Resources and Social Development:* Andrew Kenyon, Director General, Temporary Foreign Workers Directorate.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on Thursday, November 22, 2007, the Committee commenced its study of undocumented and temporary foreign workers.

Les Linklater, Robert MacDougall and Andrew Kenyon made statements and, with Heidi Smith, answered questions.

At 5:24 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Andrew Bartholomew Chaplin
Clerk of the Committee

2008/02/26 10:16 a.m.

HOUSE OF COMMONS OF CANADA
39th PARLIAMENT, 2nd SESSION

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS
STANDING COMMITTEE ON CITIZENSHIP AND
IMMIGRATION

Chair: Norman Doyle.

Meeting No. 14

Monday, March 3, 2008

ORDER OF THE DAY:

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Dave Batters,
Hon. Maurizio Bevilacqua,
Robert Carrier,
Olivia Chow,
Norman Doyle,
Nina Grewal,
Hon. Jim Karygiannis,
Wajid Khan,
Ed Komarnicki,
Thierry St-Cyr
and Hon. Andrew Telegdi.

ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

Hon. Judy Sgro for Colleen Beaumier.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:

Penny Becklumb, Analyst;

Sandra Elgersma, Analyst.

Andrew Bartholomew Chaplin
Clerk of the Committee

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 14

Monday, March 3, 2008

The Standing Committee on Citizenship and Immigration met at 3:31 p.m. this day, in Room 269, West Block, the Chair, Norman Doyle, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Dave Batters, Hon. Maurizio Bevilacqua, Robert Carrier, Olivia Chow, Norman Doyle, Nina Grewal, Hon. Jim Karygiannis, Wajid Khan, Ed Komarnicki, Thierry St-Cyr and Hon. Andrew Telegdi.

Acting Members present: Hon. Judy Sgro for Colleen Beaumier.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Penny Becklumb, Analyst; Sandra Elgersma, Analyst.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

Olivia Chow moved, — That the committee recommend that the government allow any applicant (unless they have serious criminality) who has filed an in-Canada spousal or common law sponsorship application to be entitled to an automatic stay of removal until a decision is rendered on their application, that the committee adopt this recommendation as a report to the House and that, pursuant to Standing order 108(1), the Chair present it to the House.

It was agreed, — That the debate be now adjourned.

It was agreed, — That the Department of Citizenship and Immigration and the Canada Border Services Agency be requested to brief the Committee on the policy surrounding removals when a spousal or common-law sponsorship application is under consideration.

At 4:02 p.m., the Committee proceeded to sit *in camera*.

It was agreed, — That the Fourth Report of the Subcommittee on agenda and Procedure, which read as follows, be adopted:

In accordance with its mandate pursuant to Order made November 20, 2007, your Subcommittee has considered the question of the business of the Committee.

Pursuant to the motions adopted November 22, 2007, and notwithstanding the motions of December 11, 2007, and February 4, 2008, the Subcommittee recommends:

The Committee give the following priority to its studies — Iraqi refugee issues, temporary foreign workers and undocumented workers, immigration consultants and Bill C-17;

That, in order to hold hearings on the studies above, the Committee travel to Vancouver, Edmonton, Moose Jaw and Winnipeg during the week of March 31 to April 3, to Kitchener-Waterloo, Toronto and Montreal in the week of 7 to 11 April, and to Quebec City and cities in Atlantic Canada in the week of April 14 to 17, 2008;

That, where feasible, the Committee hold its hearings in public facilities such as community centres and city halls rather than hotels;

That the “open mic” options in the work plans not be exercised; and

That, when the Committee travels to hold hearings, the Clerk arrange for the appearance of a small representative number of persons from identifiable congregations and community groups on the lists of witnesses.

It was agreed, — That the Committee receive a parliamentary delegation from the Federal Republic of Germany when it visits Canada between April 28 and 30, 2008.

At 4:39 p.m., the Committee resumed sitting in public.

Andrew Telegdi moved, — That the Minister appear before the Committee before March 11 to defend or to discuss supplementary estimates.

After debate, the question was put on the motion and it was agreed to on the following recorded division: YEAS: Maurizio Bevilacqua, Robert Carrier, Olivia Chow, Jim Karygiannis, Thierry St-Cyr, Andrew Telegdi — 6; NAYS: — 0.

At 4:48 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Andrew Bartholomew Chaplin
Clerk of the Committee

2008/03/04 4:29 p.m.

HOUSE OF COMMONS OF CANADA
39th PARLIAMENT, 2nd SESSION

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS
STANDING COMMITTEE ON CITIZENSHIP AND
IMMIGRATION

Chair: Norman Doyle.

Meeting No. 15

Wednesday, March 5, 2008

ORDER OF THE DAY:

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Dave Batters,
Colleen Beaumier,
Hon. Maurizio Bevilacqua,
Robert Carrier,
Olivia Chow,
Norman Doyle,
Nina Grewal,
Hon. Jim Karygiannis,
Wajid Khan,
Ed Komarnicki,
Thierry St-Cyr
and Hon. Andrew Telegdi.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:
Penny Becklumb, Analyst;
Sandra Elgersma, Analyst.

Andrew Bartholomew Chaplin
Clerk of the Committee

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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 15

Wednesday, March 5, 2008

The Standing Committee on Citizenship and Immigration met at 3:31 p.m. this day, in Room 371, West Block, the Chair, Norman Doyle, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Dave Batters, Colleen Beaumier, Hon. Maurizio Bevilacqua, Robert Carrier, Olivia Chow, Norman Doyle, Nina Grewal, Hon. Jim Karygiannis, Wajid Khan, Ed Komarnicki, Thierry St-Cyr and Hon. Andrew Telegdi.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Penny Becklumb, Analyst; Sandra Elgersma, Analyst.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

Jim Karygiannis moved, — That, pursuant to Standing Orders 110(1) and 111(1), and the House of Commons Order of Reference of February 14, 2008, the Committee call to appear the recently appointed members of the Immigration and Refugee Board, Berto Volpentesta and Dominique Setton-Lemar.

Debate arose thereon.

Ed Komarnicki moved, — That the motion be amended by adding the following: “and, pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Director General, Operations, Immigration Refugee Board”.

Debate arose thereon.

On motion of Andrew Telegdi, it was agreed, — That the amendment be amended by adding the following: “and Ben Dolin”.

After debate, the question was put on the amendment of Ed Komarnicki, as amended, and it was agreed to.

After debate, the question was put on the motion, as amended, and it was agreed to.

The motion, as amended, read as follows:

That, pursuant to Standing Orders 110(1) and 111(1), and the House of Commons' order of reference of February 14, 2008, the Committee call to appear the recently appointed members of the Immigration and Refugee Board (IRB), Berto Volpentesta and Dominique Setton-Lemar, and, pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Director General, Operations, of the Immigration Refugee Board and Ben Dolin.

At 3:37 p.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 3:41 p.m., the sitting resumed.

The Committee resumed the adjourned debate of the motion of Olivia Chow, — That, pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee recommend the government immediately serve notice and then

proceed to abrogate the Safe Third Country agreement with the United States of America.

By unanimous consent, it was agreed, — That the motion be amended by adding the following: “and that pursuant to Standing Order 108(1), the Chair report it to the House”.

The motion, as amended, read as follows:

That, pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee recommend to the government immediately serve notice and then proceed to abrogate the Safe Third Country Agreement with the United States of America, and that, pursuant to Standing Order 108(1), the Chair report it to the House.

Debate arose on the motion as amended.

Colleen Beaumier moved, — That further consideration of the motion be deferred until the Committee has heard evidence on the operation of the agreement.

Debate arose thereon.

After debate, the question was put on the motion and it was agreed to.

Jim Karygiannis moved, — That the Vote 1b under CITIZENSHIP AND IMMIGRATION of the Supplementary Estimates (B) for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2008, be negatived.

After debate, the question was put on the motion and it was negatived, by a show of hands: YEAS: 2; NAYS: 4.

Andrew Telegdi moved, — That the Committee express its grave concern to the House about the Minister's not appearing to defend the estimates, and that the Chair report this to the House.

After debate, the question was put on the motion and it was agreed to, by a show of hands: YEAS: 7; NAYS: 4.

At 4:29 p.m., the sitting resumed *in camera*.

It was agreed, — That, in order to hold hearings for its studies of Iraqi refugee issues, temporary foreign workers and undocumented workers, and immigration consultants, the Committee travel to Vancouver, Edmonton, Moose Jaw and Winnipeg from March 31 to April 3, to Kitchener-Waterloo, Toronto and Montreal from April 7 to 11, and to Quebec City, Fredericton, Halifax and St. John's, Newfoundland, from April 14 to 17, 2008, and that the necessary staff do accompany the Committee.

It was agreed, — That the three proposed budgets to support the Committee's travel as part of its studies of Iraqi refugee issues, temporary foreign workers and undocumented workers, and immigration consultants in the amount of \$365,702 in total be adopted and that the Chair present the said budgets to the Budget Subcommittee of the Liaison Committee.

It was agreed, — That, while the Committee travels, it consider no substantive motions.

At 4:32 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Andrew Bartholomew Chaplin
Clerk of the Committee

2008/03/13 1:38 p.m.

HOUSE OF COMMONS OF CANADA
39th PARLIAMENT, 2nd SESSION

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

**STANDING COMMITTEE ON CITIZENSHIP AND
IMMIGRATION**

Chair: Norman Doyle.

Meeting No. 16

Monday, March 10, 2008

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on Monday, March 3, 2008, the Committee commenced its study of spousal sponsorship.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Dave Batters,
Hon. Maurizio Bevilacqua,
Robert Carrier,
Olivia Chow,
Norman Doyle,
Nina Grewal,
Hon. Jim Karygiannis,
Wajid Khan,
Ed Komarnicki,
Thierry St-Cyr
and Hon. Andrew Telegdi.

ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

Hon. Carolyn Bennett for Colleen Beaumier.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:

Penny Becklumb, Analyst;
Sandra Elgersma, Analyst.

WITNESSES:

Department of Citizenship and Immigration:

Rick Stewart, Associate Assistant Deputy Minister, Operations;
Brenna MacNeil, Director, Social Policy and Programs,
Immigration Branch;
Diane Johnston, Senior Program Advisor, Permanent Resident and
In-Canada Protection Program Delivery, Operations Management
and Coordination.

Canada Border Services Agency:

Susan Kramer, Director, Inland Enforcement.

Rick Stewart and Susan Kramer made statements and, with the other witnesses, answered questions.

Andrew Bartholomew Chaplin
Clerk of the Committee

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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 16

Monday, March 10, 2008

The Standing Committee on Citizenship and Immigration met at 3:31 p.m. this day, in Room 371, West Block, the Chair, Norman Doyle, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Dave Batters, Hon. Maurizio Bevilacqua, Robert Carrier, Olivia Chow, Norman Doyle, Nina Grewal, Hon. Jim Karygiannis, Wajid Khan, Ed Komarnicki, Thierry St-Cyr and Hon. Andrew Telegdi.

Acting Members present: Hon. Carolyn Bennett for Colleen Beaumier.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Penny Becklumb, Analyst; Sandra Elgersma, Analyst.

Witnesses: Department of Citizenship and Immigration: Rick Stewart, Associate Assistant Deputy Minister, Operations; Brenna MacNeil, Director, Social Policy and Programs, Immigration Branch; Diane Johnston, Senior Program Advisor, Permanent Resident and In-Canada Protection Program Delivery, Operations Management and Coordination. *Canada Border Services Agency:* Susan Kramer, Director, Inland Enforcement.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on Monday, March 3, 2008, the Committee commenced its study of spousal sponsorship.

Rick Stewart and Susan Kramer made statements and, with the other witnesses, answered questions.

The Committee resumed the adjourned debate on the motion of Olivia Chow, — That the committee recommend that the government allow any applicant (unless they have serious criminality) who has filed an in-Canada spousal or common law sponsorship application to be entitled to an automatic stay of removal until a decision is rendered on their application, that the Committee adopt this recommendation as a report to the House and that, pursuant to Standing Order 108(1), the Chair present it to the House.

A point of order was raised concerning the appropriateness of resuming debate on the motion when the Committee had agreed to hear a briefing on spousal sponsorship and removals, had asked for further information from the department and had not yet received it.

RULING BY THE CHAIR

The Chair ruled the point of order valid because the Committee had agreed to the briefing and asked for further information pertinent to the briefing that had not yet been provided, so the briefing, for the purposes of the Committee, was not yet complete.

Whereupon, Andrew Telegdi appealed the decision of the Chair.

The question, “shall the ruling of the Chair be sustained” was put and it was negated by the following show of hands: YEAS: 5, NAYS: 4

Thierry St-Cyr moved, — That the motion be amended in its second line by substituting the words, “filed an in-Canada spousal” by the following: “filed their first in-Canada spousal” .

After debate, the question was put on the motion and it was agreed to.

Andrew Telegdi moved, — That the motion be amended by adding between the words “entitled to” and “an” the words: “a temporary work permit and”.

After debate, the question was put on the motion and it was agreed to.

After debate, the question was put on the motion, as amended, and it was agreed to.

The motion, as amended, read as follows:

That the Committee recommend that the government allow any applicant (unless they have serious criminality) who has filed their first in-Canada spousal or common law sponsorship application to be entitled to a temporary work permit and an automatic stay of removal until a decision is rendered on their application, that the Committee adopt this recommendation as a report to the House and that, pursuant to Standing order 108(1), the Chair present it to the House.

It was agreed, — That the Committee append to its report a dissenting opinion from the Conservative Party of Canada provided that it is no longer than the report itself and submitted electronically to the Clerk of the Committee, within 24 hours.

At 5:31 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Andrew Bartholomew Chaplin
Clerk of the Committee

2008/03/11 6:21 p.m.

HOUSE OF COMMONS OF CANADA
39th PARLIAMENT, 2nd SESSION

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

STANDING COMMITTEE ON CITIZENSHIP AND IMMIGRATION

Chair: Norman Doyle

Meeting No. 17

Wednesday, March 12, 2008

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Orders 110 and 111, the Committee commenced consideration of the Order in Council appointments of Berto Volpentesta and Dominique Setton-Lemar which were referred to the Committee on Thursday, February 14, 2008.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on Wednesday, March 5, 2008, the Committee commenced its follow-up of recommendations of members of the Standing Committee on Citizenship and Immigration in a previous Parliament for an appointment to the Immigration and Refugee Board of Canada.

By unanimous consent, pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee met with a member of the Somaliland Parliament.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Robert Carrier,
Olivia Chow,
Norman Doyle,
Nina Grewal,
Hon. Jim Karygiannis,
Wajid Khan,
Ed Komarnicki,
Thierry St-Cyr
and Hon. Andrew Telegdi.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:

Penny Becklumb, Analyst;
Sandra Elgersma, Analyst.

WITNESSES:

Immigration and Refugee Board of Canada:

Dominique Setton-Lemar, Member;
Berto Volpentesta, Member;
Krista Daley, Director General, Operations;
Benjamin Dolin, Member.

PARTICIPANTS PRESENT:

As an Individual:

Hon. Nasir Hagi Ali, Member, Somaliland Parliament.

Dominique Setton-Lemar and Berto Volpentesta made statements and, with Krista Daley, answered questions.

Andrew Bartholomew Chaplin
Clerk of the Committee



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Meeting No. 17

Wednesday, March 12, 2008

The Standing Committee on Citizenship and Immigration met at 3:31 p.m. this day, in Room 308, West Block, the Chair, Norman Doyle, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Robert Carrier, Olivia Chow, Norman Doyle, Nina Grewal, Hon. Jim Karygiannis, Wajid Khan, Ed Komarnicki, Thierry St-Cyr and Hon. Andrew Telegdi.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Penny Becklumb, Analyst; Sandra Elgersma, Analyst.

Witnesses: Immigration and Refugee Board of Canada: Dominique Setton-Lemar, Member; Berto Volpentesta, Member; Krista Daley, Director General, Operations; Benjamin Dolin, Member.

Participants present: As an individual: Hon. Nasir Hagi Ali, Member, Somaliland Parliament.

Pursuant to Standing Orders 110 and 111, the Committee commenced consideration of the Order in Council appointments of Berto Volpentesta and Dominique Setton-Lemar which were referred to the Committee on Thursday, February 14, 2008.

Dominique Setton-Lemar and Berto Volpentesta made statements and, with Krista Daley, answered questions.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on Wednesday, March 5, 2008, the Committee commenced its follow-up of recommendations of members of the Standing Committee on Citizenship and Immigration in a previous Parliament for an appointment to the Immigration and Refugee Board of Canada.

Ben Dolin made a statement and answered questions.

By unanimous consent, pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee met with a member of the Somaliland Parliament.

Nasir Hagi Ali made a statement.

At 5:14 p.m., the Committee proceeded to sit *in camera*.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

It was agreed, — That the periods for travel on the three travel budgets adopted March 5, 2008, be amended to read, "Spring, 2008" and that, notwithstanding the motions adopted March 5, 2008, the

Chair, after consulting the Vice-Chairs and the representative of the third opposition party, be authorized to plan and to finalize the budgets and itineraries for the Committee's travel in the spring of 2008, and to present, as required, the said budgets to the Subcommittee on Budgets of the Liaison Committee; that the required staff accompany the Committee when it travels from place to place inside Canada; and that the Chair be authorized to seek an Order of Reference from the House of Commons for the Committee's travel.

At 5:25 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Andrew Bartholomew Chaplin
Clerk of the Committee

2008/04/25 8:38 a.m.

HOUSE OF COMMONS OF CANADA
39th PARLIAMENT, 2nd SESSION

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS
STANDING COMMITTEE ON CITIZENSHIP AND
IMMIGRATION

Chair: Norman Doyle.

Meeting No. 18

Monday, March 31, 2008

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on Thursday, November 22, 2007, the Committee resumed its study of undocumented and temporary foreign workers.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on Tuesday, December 11, 2007, the Committee resumed its study of Immigration Consultants.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Dave Batters,
Colleen Beaumier,
Robert Carrier,
Olivia Chow,
Norman Doyle,
Nina Grewal,
Hon. Jim Karygiannis,
Ed Komarnicki,
Thierry St-Cyr
and Hon. Andrew Telegdi.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:

Penny Becklumb, Analyst;
Sandra Elgersma, Analyst.

WITNESSES:

Fraser Institute:

Martin Collacott, Senior Fellow.

Canada West Foundation:

Roslyn Kunin, Director, British Columbia Office.

As an Individual:

Don J. DeVoretz, Professor of Economics, Co-Director and
Principal Investigator of the Centre of Excellence on Immigration
and Integration, Simon Fraser University.

*British Columbia and Yukon Territory Building and Construction Trades
Council:*

Wayne Peppard, Executive Director.

*British Columbia & Yukon Territory Building & Construction Trades
Council:*

Joe Barrett, Researcher.

*British Columbia and Yukon Territory Building and Construction Trades
Council:*

David Fairey, Researcher, Trade Union Research Bureau.

Grassroots Women:

Lualhati Alcuítas;
Phillipa Ryan, Board Member.

Justicia for Migrant Workers - British Columbia:

Erika Del Carmen Fuchs, Organizer.

S.U.C.C.E.S.S.:

Tung Chan, Chief Executive Officer.

Philippine Women Centre of BC:

Denise Valdecantos, Board Member;
Mildred German, Member, Filipino-Canadian Youth Alliance -
National.

Canadian Bar Association:

Alex Stojicevic, Chair, National Citizenship and Immigration Law
Section.

Law Society of British Columbia:

Carmel Wiseman, Lawyer, Policy and Legal Services Department.

Canadian Society of Immigration Practitioners:

Nancy Salloum, Chairperson;
Elie Hani, Vice-Chair.

Wayne Peppard and David Fairey made statements and answered questions.

Lualhati Alcuital, Erika Del Carmen Fuchs, Tung Chan, Phillipa Ryan, Denise
Valdecantos and Mildred German made statements and answered questions

Alex Stojicevic, Carmel Wiseman, Nancy Salloum and Elie Hani made statements and
answered questions.

Andrew Bartholomew Chaplin
Clerk of the Committee

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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 18

Monday, March 31, 2008

The Standing Committee on Citizenship and Immigration met at 1:07 p.m. this day, in the Minoru A+B Room, Best Western Richmond Hotel & Convention Centre, Richmond, British Columbia, the Chair, Norman Doyle, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Dave Batters, Colleen Beaumier, Robert Carrier, Olivia Chow, Norman Doyle, Nina Grewal, Hon. Jim Karygiannis, Ed Komarnicki, Thierry St-Cyr and Hon. Andrew Telegdi.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Penny Becklumb, Analyst; Sandra Elgersma, Analyst.

Witnesses: Fraser Institute: Martin Collacott, Senior Fellow. *Canada West Foundation:* Roslyn Kunin, Director, British Columbia Office. *As an individual:* Don J. DeVoretz, Professor of Economics, Co-Director and Principal Investigator of the Centre of Excellence on Immigration and Integration, Simon Fraser University. *British Columbia and Yukon Territory Building and Construction Trades Council:* Wayne Peppard, Executive Director. *British Columbia & Yukon Territory Building & Construction Trades Council:* Joe Barrett, Researcher. *British Columbia and Yukon Territory Building and Construction Trades Council:* David Fairey, Researcher, Trade Union Research Bureau. *Grassroots Women:* Lualhati Alcuítas; Phillipa Ryan, Board Member. *Justicia for Migrant Workers - British Columbia:* Erika Del Carmen Fuchs, Organizer. *S.U.C.C.E.S.S.:* Tung Chan, Chief Executive Officer. *Philippine Women Centre of BC:* Denise Valdecantos, Board Member; Mildred German, Member, Filipino-Canadian Youth Alliance - National. *Canadian Bar Association:* Alex Stojicevic, Chair, National Citizenship and Immigration Law Section. *Law Society of British Columbia:* Carmel Wiseman, Lawyer, Policy and Legal Services Department. *Canadian Society of Immigration Practitioners:* Nancy Salloum, Chairperson; Elie Hani, Vice-Chair.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on Thursday, November 22, 2007, the Committee commenced its study of undocumented and temporary foreign workers.

Andrew Telegdi moved, — That the media be allowed to record the meeting.

At 1:18 p.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 1:19 p.m., the sitting resumed.

The Chair ruled the proposed motion inadmissible because it contravenes Standing Order 119.1.

At 1:37 p.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 1:43 p.m., the sitting resumed.

Roslyn Kunin, Martin Collacott and Don J. DeVoretz made statements and answered questions.

Wayne Peppard and David Fairey made statements and answered questions.

At 3:56 p.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 4:00 p.m., the sitting resumed.

Lualhati Alcuítas, Erika Del Carmen Fuchs, Tung Chan, Phillipa Ryan, Denise Valdecantos and Mildred German made statements and answered questions

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on Tuesday, December 11, 2007, the Committee commenced its study of Immigration Consultants.

Alex Stojicevic, Carmel Wiseman, Nancy Salloum and Elie Hani made statements and answered questions.

At 6:04 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Andrew Bartholomew Chaplin
Clerk of the Committee

2008/04/11 11:53 a.m.

HOUSE OF COMMONS OF CANADA
39th PARLIAMENT, 2nd SESSION

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS
STANDING COMMITTEE ON CITIZENSHIP AND
IMMIGRATION

Chair: Norman Doyle.

Meeting No. 19

Tuesday, April 1, 2008

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on Thursday, November 22, 2007, the Committee resumed its study of undocumented and temporary foreign workers.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on Tuesday, December 11, 2007, the Committee resumed its study of Immigration Consultants.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Colleen Beaumier,
Robert Carrier,
Olivia Chow,
Norman Doyle,
Nina Grewal,
Hon. Jim Karygiannis,
Ed Komarnicki,
Thierry St-Cyr
and Hon. Andrew Telegdi.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:
Penny Becklumb, Analyst;
Sandra Elgersma, Analyst.

WITNESSES:

Edmonton Mennonite Centre for Newcomers:

Jim Gurnett, Executive Director.

Ukrainian Canadian Social Services:

Bill Diachuk, President, Edmonton.

Alberta Federation of Labour:

Gil McGowan, President;

Yessy Byl, Temporary Foreign Worker Advocate.

TC Hunter:

Trevor Mahl, President.

Sunterra Meats - Innisfail:

Miles Kliner, General Manager.

Catholic Social Services:

Alice Colak, Chief Operating Officer, Immigration and Settlement Service.

International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers - Local 424:

Al Brown, Assistant Business Manager;

William Begemann, Assistant Business Manager.

United Food and Commercial Workers Union:

Michael Toal, Representative, Local 1118.

As Individuals:

Lynn Gaudet, Immigration Consultant;

Tanveer Sharief, Immigration Consultant, Commissioner for Oath, Immigration Plus;

Peter Veress, Founder and President, Vermax Group Inc..

Jim Gurnett, Yessy Byl and Bill Diachuk made statements and answered questions

Trevor Mahl and Miles Kliner made statement statements and answered questions.

Gil McGowan, Alice Colak, Al Brown, William Begemann and Michael Toal made statements and answered questions.

Lynn Gaudet, Tanveer Sharief and Peter Veress made statements and answered questions.

Andrew Bartholomew Chaplin
Clerk of the Committee

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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 19

Tuesday, April 1, 2008

The Standing Committee on Citizenship and Immigration met at 1:08 p.m. this day, in the Empire Ballroom, The Fairmont Hotel MacDonald, Edmonton, Alberta, the Chair, Norman Doyle, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Colleen Beaumier, Robert Carrier, Olivia Chow, Norman Doyle, Nina Grewal, Hon. Jim Karygiannis, Ed Komarnicki, Thierry St-Cyr and Hon. Andrew Telegdi.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Penny Becklumb, Analyst; Sandra Elgersma, Analyst.

Witnesses: *Edmonton Mennonite Centre for Newcomers:* Jim Gurnett, Executive Director. *Ukrainian Canadian Social Services:* Bill Diachuk, President, Edmonton. *Alberta Federation of Labour:* Gil McGowan, President; Yessy Byl, Temporary Foreign Worker Advocate. *TC Hunter:* Trevor Mahl, President. *Sunterra Meats - Innisfail:* Miles Kliner, General Manager. *Catholic Social Services:* Alice Colak, Chief Operating Officer, Immigration and Settlement Service. *International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers - Local 424:* Al Brown, Assistant Business Manager; William Begemann, Assistant Business Manager. *United Food and Commercial Workers Union:* Michael Toal, Representative, Local 1118. *As individuals:* Lynn Gaudet, Immigration Consultant; Tanveer Sharief, Immigration Consultant, Commissioner for Oath, Immigration Plus; Peter Veress, Founder and President, Vermax Group Inc..

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on Thursday, November 22, 2007, the Committee resumed its study of undocumented and temporary foreign workers.

Jim Gurnett, Yessy Byl and Bill Diachuk made statements and answered questions

At 2:17 p.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 2:21 p.m., the sitting resumed.

Trevor Mahl and Miles Kliner made statement statements and answered questions.

At 3:07 p.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 3:11 p.m., the sitting resumed.

Gil McGowan, Alice Colak, Al Brown, William Begemann and Michael Toal made statements and answered questions.

At 4:13 p.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 4:17 p.m., the sitting resumed.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on Tuesday, December 11, 2007, the Committee resumed its study of Immigration Consultants.

Lynn Gaudet, Tanveer Sharief and Peter Veress made statements and answered questions.

At 5:03 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Andrew Bartholomew Chaplin
Clerk of the Committee

2008/04/11 11:53 a.m.

HOUSE OF COMMONS OF CANADA
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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

**STANDING COMMITTEE ON CITIZENSHIP AND
IMMIGRATION**

Chair: Norman Doyle.

Meeting No. 20

Wednesday, April 2, 2008

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on Thursday, November 22, 2007, the Committee resumed its study of Iraqi refugees.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on Thursday, November 22, 2007, the Committee resumed its study of undocumented and temporary foreign workers.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Dave Batters,
Colleen Beaumier,
Robert Carrier,
Norman Doyle,
Nina Grewal,
Ed Komarnicki
and Thierry St-Cyr.

WITNESSES:

St. Maratken Community Society Inc.:

Helen Smith-McIntyre, Chair, Refugee Coalition, Chair, Amnesty
International;
Alex Istifo, President.

Regina and District Chamber of Commerce:

John A. Hopkins, Chief Executive Officer.

Government of Saskatchewan:

Eric Johansen, Director, Saskatchewan Immigrant Nominee Program, Immigration Branch, Advanced Education, Employment and Labour.

Saskatoon Immigration and Employment Consulting Services Inc.:

Daniel Hirschhorn, Director.

TDL Group (Tim Hortons):

Chris Thomas.

Westcan Bulk Transport Ltd.:

Chelsea Jukes, Consultant, Human Resources;
Sandra Cornford, Foreign Worker Liaison.

Daniel Hirschhorn, Chris Thomas and Chelsea Jukes made statements and, with Sandra Cornford, answered questions.

Andrew Bartholomew Chaplin
Clerk of the Committee

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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 20

Wednesday, April 2, 2008

The Standing Committee on Citizenship and Immigration met at 9:08 a.m. this day, in the Jubilee A Room, Heritage Inn Moose Jaw, Moose Jaw, Saskatchewan, the Chair, Norman Doyle, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Dave Batters, Colleen Beaumier, Robert Carrier, Norman Doyle, Nina Grewal, Ed Komarnicki and Thierry St-Cyr.

Witnesses: *St. Maratken Community Society Inc.:* Helen Smith-McIntyre, Chair, Refugee Coalition, Chair, Amnesty International; Alex Istifo, President. *Regina and District Chamber of Commerce:* John A. Hopkins, Chief Executive Officer. *Government of Saskatchewan:* Eric Johansen, Director, Saskatchewan Immigrant Nominee Program, Immigration Branch, Advanced Education, Employment and Labour. *Saskatoon Immigration and Employment Consulting Services Inc.:* Daniel Hirschhorn, Director. *TDL Group (Tim Hortons):* Chris Thomas. *Westcan Bulk Transport Ltd.:* Chelsea Jukes, Consultant, Human Resources; Sandra Cornford, Foreign Worker Liaison.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on Thursday, November 22, 2007, the Committee resumed its study of Iraqi refugees.

Helen Smith-McIntyre and Alex Istifo made statements and answered questions.

At 9:57 a.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 10:11 a.m., the sitting resumed.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on Thursday, November 22, 2007, the Committee resumed its study of undocumented and temporary foreign workers.

Eric Johansen and John A. Hopkins made statements and answered questions.

At 11:01 a.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 11:08 a.m., the sitting resumed.

Daniel Hirschhorn, Chris Thomas and Chelsea Jukes made statements and, with Sandra Cornford, answered questions.

At 12:07 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Andrew Bartholomew Chaplin
Clerk of the Committee

2008/04/11 11:54 a.m.

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**STANDING COMMITTEE ON CITIZENSHIP AND
IMMIGRATION**

Chair: Norman Doyle.

Meeting No. 21

Wednesday, April 2, 2008

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on Thursday, November 22, 2007, the Committee resumed its study of undocumented and temporary foreign workers.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on Tuesday, December 11, 2007, the Committee resumed its study of Immigration Consultants.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Dave Batters,
Colleen Beaumier,
Robert Carrier,
Norman Doyle,
Nina Grewal,
Ed Komarnicki
and Thierry St-Cyr.

WITNESSES:

Canadian Manufacturers and Exporters:
Gurcan Kocdag, National Board.

Kramer Ltd.:

Jan Katerynych, Human Resources Manager and In House Counsel.

Saskatchewan Chamber of Commerce:

Steve McLellan, Chief Executive Officer.

Moose Jaw Multicultural Council Inc.:

Tara Blanchard, Executive Director.

Canadian Immigrant Settlement Sector Alliance (CISSA):

Darcy Dietrich, Member-at-large.

Culture Connect Int'l Ltd:

Olukayode (Kay) Adebogun, Senior Immigration Consultant.

Andrew Bartholomew Chaplin
Clerk of the Committee

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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 21

Wednesday, April 2, 2008

The Standing Committee on Citizenship and Immigration met at 1:40 p.m. this day, in the Jubilee A Room, Heritage Inn Moose Jaw, Moose Jaw, Saskatchewan, the Chair, Norman Doyle, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Dave Batters, Colleen Beaumier, Robert Carrier, Norman Doyle, Nina Grewal, Ed Komarnicki and Thierry St-Cyr.

Witnesses: Canadian Manufacturers and Exporters: Gurcan Kocdag, National Board. *Kramer Ltd.:* Jan Katerynych, Human Resources Manager and In House Counsel. *Saskatchewan Chamber of Commerce:* Steve McLellan, Chief Executive Officer. *Moose Jaw Multicultural Council Inc.:* Tara Blanchard, Executive Director. *Canadian Immigrant Settlement Sector Alliance (CISSA):* Darcy Dietrich, Member-at-large. *Culture Connect Int'l Ltd:* Olukayode (Kay) Adebogun, Senior Immigration Consultant.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on Thursday, November 22, 2007, the Committee resumed its study of undocumented and temporary foreign workers.

Gurcan Kocdag, Jan Katerynych and Steve McLellan made statements and answered questions.

At 1:50 p.m., Thierry St-Cyr took the Chair.

At 2:19 p.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 2:21 p.m., the sitting resumed.

Tara Blanchard and Darcy Dietrich made statements and answered questions.

At 3:02 p.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 3:18 p.m., the sitting resumed.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on Tuesday, December 11, 2007, the Committee resumed its study of Immigration Consultants.

Olukayode (Kay) Adebogun made a statement and answered questions.

At 3:48 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Andrew Bartholomew Chaplin
Clerk of the Committee

2008/04/11 11:54 a.m.

HOUSE OF COMMONS OF CANADA
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**STANDING COMMITTEE ON CITIZENSHIP AND
IMMIGRATION**

Chair: Norman Doyle.

Meeting No. 22

Thursday, April 3, 2008

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on Thursday, November 22, 2007, the Committee resumed its study of Iraqi refugees.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on Thursday, November 22, 2007, the Committee resumed its study of undocumented and temporary foreign workers.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on Tuesday, December 11, 2007, the Committee resumed its study of Immigration Consultants.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Robert Carrier,
Norman Doyle,
Nina Grewal,
Thierry St-Cyr
and Hon. Andrew Telegdi.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:
Penny Becklumb, Analyst;
Sandra Elgersma, Analyst.

WITNESSES:

Manitoba Interfaith Immigration Council (Welcome Place):

Martin M. Dolin, Executive Director.

As Individuals:

Hani Al-Ubeady, Iraq International Initiative.

Manitoba Federation of Labour:

John Doyle, Researcher.

As Individuals:

Kenneth Zaifman, Lawyer, Zaifman Immigration Lawyers.

Canadian Society of Immigration Consultants:

John Ryan, Chair;

Wenda Woodman, Manager, Complaints and Discipline
Department.

Maple Leaf Foods Inc.:

Rory McAlpine, Vice-President, Government and Industry
Relations;

Sandy Trudel, Economic Development Officer, City of Brandon;

Nick Johnson, Vice-President, Human Resources, Commercial,
and Business Support, Maple Leaf Consumer Foods;

Susan Yaeger, Senior Manager, International Recruitment, Maple
Leaf Consumer Foods.

As Individuals:

Kenneth Zaifman, Lawyer, Zaifman Immigration Lawyers.

Andrew Bartholomew Chaplin
Clerk of the Committee

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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 22

Thursday, April 3, 2008

The Standing Committee on Citizenship and Immigration met at 9:04 a.m. this day, in the Wellington Room, Victoria Inn Winnipeg, Winnipeg, Manitoba, the Chair, Norman Doyle, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Robert Carrier, Norman Doyle, Nina Grewal, Thierry St-Cyr and Hon. Andrew Telegdi.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Penny Becklumb, Analyst; Sandra Elgersma, Analyst.

Witnesses: Manitoba Interfaith Immigration Council (Welcome Place): Martin M. Dolin, Executive Director. *As an individual:* Hani Al-Ubeady, Iraq International Initiative. *Manitoba Federation of Labour:* John Doyle, Researcher. *As an individual:* Kenneth Zaifman, Lawyer, Zaifman Immigration Lawyers. *Canadian Society of Immigration Consultants:* John Ryan, Chair; Wenda Woodman, Manager, Complaints and Discipline Department. *Maple Leaf Foods Inc.:* Rory McAlpine, Vice-President, Government and Industry Relations; Sandy Trudel, Economic Development Officer, City of Brandon; Nick Johnson, Vice-President, Human Resources, Commercial, and Business Support, Maple Leaf Consumer Foods; Susan Yaeger, Senior Manager, International Recruitment, Maple Leaf Consumer Foods. *As an individual:* Kenneth Zaifman, Lawyer, Zaifman Immigration Lawyers.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on Thursday, November 22, 2007, the Committee resumed its study of Iraqi refugees.

Martin Dolin and Hani Al-Ubeady made statements and answered questions.

At 9:52 a.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 9:57 a.m., the sitting resumed.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on Thursday, November 22, 2007, the Committee resumed its study of undocumented and temporary foreign workers.

John Doyle, Kenneth Zaifman, John Ryan, Wenda Woodman, Rory McAlpine and Sandy Trudel made statements and, with Nick Johnson and Susan Yaeger, answered questions.

At 11:08 a.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 11:19 a.m., the sitting resumed.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on Tuesday, December 11, 2007, the Committee resumed its study of Immigration Consultants.

Kenneth Zaifman made a statement and answered questions.

At 11:49 a.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Andrew Bartholomew Chaplin
Clerk of the Committee

2008/04/11 11:54 a.m.

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**STANDING COMMITTEE ON CITIZENSHIP AND
IMMIGRATION**

Chair: Norman Doyle.

Meeting No. 23

Monday, April 7, 2008

ORDER OF THE DAY:

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on Thursday, November 22, 2007, the Committee resumed its study of Iraqi refugees.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Robert Carrier,
Norman Doyle,
Nina Grewal,
Hon. Jim Karygiannis,
Ed Komarnicki,
Thierry St-Cyr
and Hon. Andrew Telegdi.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:
Sandra Elgersma, Analyst.

WITNESSES:

City of Waterloo:
Brenda Halloran, Mayor of Waterloo.

Iraqi Canadian Society of Ontario:

Ghina Al-Sewaidi, President;
Falah Hafed.

Iraqi Federation of Refugee:

Jalal Saeed.

Iraqi Canadian Society of Ontario:

Yanar Mohammed, President, Organization of Women's Freedom
in Iraq.

Assyrian Aid Society of Canada:

Mariam Georgis, Board Member.

Mandaean Canadian Community Association:

Salam Gatih;
Asad Dargham.

Popular Chaldean Syriac Assyrian Council:

Salam Saffar, General Relations.

Andrew Bartholomew Chaplin
Clerk of the Committee

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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 23

Monday, April 7, 2008

The Standing Committee on Citizenship and Immigration met at 11:07 a.m. this day, in the Council Chambers (3rd Floor), Waterloo City Centre, Kitchener, Ontario, the Chair, Norman Doyle, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Robert Carrier, Norman Doyle, Nina Grewal, Hon. Jim Karygiannis, Ed Komarnicki, Thierry St-Cyr and Hon. Andrew Telegdi.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Sandra Elgersma, Analyst.

Witnesses: City of Waterloo: Brenda Halloran, Mayor of Waterloo. *Iraqi Canadian Society of Ontario:* Ghina Al-Sewaidi, President; Falah Hafed. *Iraqi Federation of Refugee:* Jalal Saeed. *Iraqi Canadian Society of Ontario:* Yanar Mohammed, President, Organization of Women's Freedom in Iraq. *Assyrian Aid Society of Canada:* Mariam Georgis, Board Member. *Mandaean Canadian Community Association:* Salam Gatih; Asad Dargham. *Popular Chaldean Syriac Assyrian Council:* Salam Saffar, General Relations.

By unanimous consent, the Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

Brenda Halloran a made a statement.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on Thursday, November 22, 2007, the Committee resumed its study of Iraqi refugees.

Ghina Al-Seweidi, Falah Hafed, Yanar Mohamed, Jalal Saeed, Salam Gatih and Mariam Georgis made statements and answered questions.

At 12:33 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Andrew Bartholomew Chaplin
Clerk of the Committee

2008/04/11 2:26 p.m.

HOUSE OF COMMONS OF CANADA
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STANDING COMMITTEE ON CITIZENSHIP AND
IMMIGRATION

Vice-Chair: Andrew Telegdi.

Meeting No. 24

Monday, April 7, 2008

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on Thursday, November 22, 2007, the Committee resumed its study of undocumented and temporary foreign workers.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Robert Carrier,
Norman Doyle,
Nina Grewal,
Hon. Jim Karygiannis,
Ed Komarnicki,
Thierry St-Cyr
and Hon. Andrew Telegdi.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:
Sandra Elgersma, Analyst.

WITNESSES:

As Individuals:

Patrick J. Dillon, Business Manager and Secretary-Treasurer,
Provincial Building and Construction Trades Council of Ontario;
Sean Strickland, Waterloo Wellington Dufferin Grey Building and
Construction Trades Council;
Alex Lolua, Director, Government Relations;
Janet McLaughlin, Department of Anthropology, University of
Toronto.

Friends of Farmworkers:

Derry McKeever, Community Spokesperson;
Ronald Cadotte, Vice-Chairperson.

F.A.R.M.S. (Foreign Agricultural Resource Management Services):

Susan Williams, General Manager;
Paula Goncalves, Administrative Manager.

Federation of Sisters of St. Joseph of Canada:

Sue Wilson, Director, Office of Systemic Justice.

Diocese of London:

Marie Carter, Specialist, Migrant Workers Ministry;
Gerry VanKoeverden, Volunteer (migrant outreach);
Lek VanKoeverden, Volunteer (Migrant outreach).

Abtron Canada Inc.:

Ken Sy, Immigration Specialist Chinese Community.

Adult Entertainment Association of Canada:

Tim Lambrinos, Executive Director.

Andrew Bartholomew Chaplin
Clerk of the Committee

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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 24

Monday, April 7, 2008

The Standing Committee on Citizenship and Immigration met at 1:08 p.m. this day, in the Council Chambers (3rd Floor), Waterloo City Centre, Kitchener, Ontario, the Vice-Chair, Andrew Telegdi, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Robert Carrier, Norman Doyle, Nina Grewal, Hon. Jim Karygiannis, Ed Komarnicki, Thierry St-Cyr and Hon. Andrew Telegdi.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Sandra Elgersma, Analyst.

Witnesses: As individuals: Patrick J. Dillon, Business Manager and Secretary-Treasurer, Provincial Building and Construction Trades Council of Ontario; Sean Strickland, Waterloo Wellington Dufferin Grey Building and Construction Trades Council; Alex Lolua, Director, Government Relations; Janet McLaughlin, Department of Anthropology, University of Toronto. *Friends of Farmworkers:* Derry McKeever, Community Spokesperson; Ronald Cadotte, Vice-Chairperson. *F.A.R.M.S. (Foreign Agricultural Resource Management Services):* Susan Williams, General Manager; Paula Goncalves, Administrative Manager. *Federation of Sisters of St. Joseph of Canada:* Sue Wilson, Director, Office of Systemic Justice. *Diocese of London:* Marie Carter, Specialist, Migrant Workers Ministry; Gerry VanKoeverden, Volunteer (migrant outreach); Lek VanKoeverden, Volunteer (Migrant outreach). *Abtron Canada Inc.:* Ken Sy, Immigration Specialist Chinese Community. *Adult Entertainment Association of Canada:* Tim Lambrinos, Executive Director.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on Thursday, November 22, 2007, the Committee resumed its study of undocumented and temporary foreign workers.

Patrick Dillon, Janet McLaughlin and Sean Strickland made statements and, with Alex Lolua, answered questions.

At 2:12 p.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 2:17 p.m., the sitting resumed.

Ronald Cadotte, Sue Wilson, Marie Carter, Gerry VanKoeverden and Lek VanKoeverden made statements and answered questions.

At 3:06 p.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 3:11 p.m., the sitting resumed.

Susan Williams, Paula Gonçalves and Ken Sy made statements and answered questions.

At 3:35 p.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 3:40 p.m., the sitting resumed.

Tim Lambrinos made a statement and answered questions.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

By unanimous consent, on motion of Jim Karygiannis, it was agreed, — That the Committee vote its thanks to the City of Waterloo for the use of their Council Chambers.

At 3:55 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Andrew Bartholomew Chaplin
Clerk of the Committee

2008/04/11 2:26 p.m.

HOUSE OF COMMONS OF CANADA
39th PARLIAMENT, 2nd SESSION

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS
**STANDING COMMITTEE ON CITIZENSHIP AND
IMMIGRATION**

Chair: Norman Doyle.

Meeting No. 25

Tuesday, April 8, 2008

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on Thursday, November 22, 2007, the Committee resumed its study of Iraqi refugees and undocumented and temporary foreign workers.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Robert Carrier,
Olivia Chow,
Norman Doyle,
Nina Grewal,
Hon. Jim Karygiannis,
Wajid Khan,
Ed Komarnicki,
Thierry St-Cyr
and Hon. Andrew Telegdi.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:

Penny Becklumb, Analyst.

*Subcommittee on Agenda and Procedure on the Standing Committee on
Citizenship and Immigration:*

Sandra Elgersma.

WITNESSES:

Assyrian Society of Canada:

Paul Baba, Member.

Assyrian, Chaldean, Syriac Student Union of Canada:

Alda Benjamin, Educational coordinator, Member of the board.

Welfare Committee for the Assyrian Community in Canada:

Mirza Shmoil, Chairman and Executive Director.

Mandaean Human Rights Group:

Nabil Farhan, Canadian Chapter Chair.

STATUS Coalition:

Amy Casipullai, Policy and Public Education Coordinator, Ontario Council of Agencies Serving Immigrants;
Francisco Rico-Martinez, Co-Director, Faithful Companions of Jesus (FCJ) Refugee Centre.

No One Is Illegal:

Kirpa Kaur, Activist;
Scott MacDonald, Certified Immigration Consultant, Carranza Barristers and Solicitors (Toronto).

Canadian Ecumenical Justice Initiatives (KAIROS):

Alfredo Barahona, Program Coordinator, Refugees and Migrants.

Labourers' International Union of North America (LIUNA):

Cosmo Mannella, Director, Canadian Tri-Fund.

Mennonite New Life Centre of Toronto:

Tanya Chute Molina, Executive Director;
Mariela Salinas, Student intern (Settlement).

Andrew Bartholomew Chaplin
Clerk of the Committee

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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 25

Tuesday, April 8, 2008

The Standing Committee on Citizenship and Immigration met at 9:01 a.m. this day, in the Toronto "B" Room, Delta Toronto East, Toronto, Ontario, the Chair, Norman Doyle, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Robert Carrier, Olivia Chow, Norman Doyle, Nina Grewal, Hon. Jim Karygiannis, Wajid Khan, Ed Komarnicki, Thierry St-Cyr and Hon. Andrew Telegdi.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Penny Becklumb, Analyst. *Subcommittee on Agenda and Procedure on the Standing Committee on Citizenship and Immigration:* Sandra Elgersma.

Witnesses: Assyrian Society of Canada: Paul Baba, Member. *Assyrian, Chaldean, Syriac Student Union of Canada:* Alda Benjamin, Educational coordinator, Member of the board. *Welfare Committee for the Assyrian Community in Canada:* Mirza Shmoil, Chairman and Executive Director. *Mandaean Human Rights Group:* Nabil Farhan, Canadian Chapter Chair. *STATUS Coalition:* Amy Casipullai, Policy and Public Education Coordinator, Ontario Council of Agencies Serving Immigrants; Francisco Rico-Martinez, Co-Director, Faithful Companions of Jesus (FCJ) Refugee Centre. *No One Is Illegal:* Kirpa Kaur, Activist; Scott MacDonald, Certified Immigration Consultant, Carranza Barristers and Solicitors (Toronto). *Canadian Ecumenical Justice Initiatives (KAIROS):* Alfredo Barahona, Program Coordinator, Refugees and Migrants. *Labourers' International Union of North America (LIUNA):* Cosmo Mannella, Director, Canadian Tri-Fund. *Mennonite New Life Centre of Toronto:* Tanya Chute Molina, Executive Director; Mariela Salinas, Student intern (Settlement).

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on Thursday, November 22, 2007, the Committee resumed its study of Iraqi refugees.

Paul Baba, Alda Benjamin, Mrza Shmoil and Nabil Farhan made statements and answered questions.

At 10:06 a.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 10:11 a.m., the sitting resumed.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on Thursday, November 22, 2007, the Committee resumed its study of undocumented and temporary foreign workers.

Amy Casipullai, Francisco Rico-Martinez, Kirpa Kaur and MacDonald Scott made statements and answered questions.

At 11:04 a.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 11:09 a.m., the sitting resumed.

Alfredo Barahona, Cosmo Mannella, Tanya Chute Molina and Mariela Salinas made statements and answered questions.

At 12:07 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Andrew Bartholomew Chaplin
Clerk of the Committee

2008/04/11 2:26 p.m.

HOUSE OF COMMONS OF CANADA
39th PARLIAMENT, 2nd SESSION

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

**STANDING COMMITTEE ON CITIZENSHIP AND
IMMIGRATION**

Chair: Norman Doyle.

Meeting No. 26

Tuesday, April 8, 2008

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on Thursday, November 22, 2007, the Committee resumed its study of undocumented and temporary foreign workers.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Robert Carrier,
Olivia Chow,
Norman Doyle,
Nina Grewal,
Hon. Jim Karygiannis,
Wajid Khan,
Ed Komarnicki,
Thierry St-Cyr
and Hon. Andrew Telegdi.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:
Penny Becklumb, Analyst;
Sandra Elgersma, Analyst.

WITNESSES:

United Food and Commercial Workers Union:

Stan Raper, National Coordinator, Agricultural Workers Program.

Canadian Society of Immigration Consultants:

Rivka Augenfeld, Public Interest Director.

Canadian Association of Professional Immigration Consultants:

Philip Mooney, National President.

Chinese Canadian National Council:

Victor Wong, Executive Director.

Canadian Association of Professional Immigration Consultants:

Alli Amlani, President, Ontario Chapter.

As an Individual:

Mario Bellissimo, Certified Specialist, Barrister and Solicitor.

Canadian Auto Workers Union:

Carol Phillips, Assistant to the President;

Raj Dhaliwal, Director, Human Rights Department.

Parkdale Community Legal Services:

Geraldine Sadoway;

Sonia Singh;

Abigail Martinez, Osgoode Hall Law School.

Justicia for Migrant Workers:

Chris Ramsaroop, National Organizer.

Community Social Planning Council of Toronto:

Zenia Castanos, Intern;

Navjeet Sidhu, Researcher;

Mr. André Lyn, Researcher;

Tam Goossen, Board Member, Research Advisory Committee Chair.

Industrial Accident Victims Group of Ontario:

Alberto Lalli, Community Legal Worker;

Consuela Rubio, Community Legal Worker, Centre for Spanish Speaking People.

Andrew Bartholomew Chaplin
Clerk of the Committee

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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 26

Tuesday, April 8, 2008

The Standing Committee on Citizenship and Immigration met at 1:02 p.m. this day, in Toronto "B" Room, Delta Toronto East, Toronto, Ontario, the Chair, Norman Doyle, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Robert Carrier, Olivia Chow, Norman Doyle, Nina Grewal, Hon. Jim Karygiannis, Wajid Khan, Ed Komarnicki, Thierry St-Cyr and Hon. Andrew Telegdi.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Penny Becklumb, Analyst; Sandra Elgersma, Analyst.

Witnesses: United Food and Commercial Workers Union: Stan Raper, National Coordinator, Agricultural Workers Programme. *Canadian Society of Immigration Consultants:* Rivka Augenfeld, Public Interest Director. *Canadian Association of Professional Immigration Consultants:* Philip Mooney, National President. *Chinese Canadian National Council:* Victor Wong, Executive Director. *Canadian Association of Professional Immigration Consultants:* Alli Amlani, President, Ontario Chapter. *As an individual:* Mario Bellissimo, Certified Specialist, Barrister and Solicitor. *Canadian Auto Workers Union:* Carol Phillips, Assistant to the President; Raj Dhaliwal, Director, Human Rights Department. *Parkdale Community Legal Services:* Geraldine Sadoway; Sonia Singh; Abigail Martinez, Osgoode Hall Law School. *Justicia for Migrant Workers:* Chris Ramsaroop, National Organizer. *Community Social Planning Council of Toronto:* Zenia Castanos, Intern; Navjeet Sidhu, Researcher; Mr. André Lyn, Researcher; Tam Goossen, Board Member, Research Advisory Committee Chair. *Industrial Accident Victims Group of Ontario:* Alberto Lalli, Community Legal Worker; Consuela Rubio, Community Legal Worker, Centre for Spanish Speaking People.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on Thursday, November 22, 2007, the Committee resumed its study of undocumented and temporary foreign workers.

Stan Raper, Philip Mooney and Victor Wong made statements and, with Alli Amlani, answered questions.

At 2:09 p.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 2:11 p.m., the sitting resumed.

Mario Bellissimo, Carol Phillips, Raj Dhaliwal, Geraldine Sadoway and Sonia Singh made statements and answered questions.

At 3:06 p.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 3:11 p.m., the sitting resumed.

Chris Ramsaroop, Zenia Castanos, Navjeet Sidhu, Alberto Lalli and Consuelo Rubio made statements and answered questions.

At 4:01 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Andrew Bartholomew Chaplin
Clerk of the Committee

2008/04/11 2:27 p.m.

HOUSE OF COMMONS OF CANADA
39th PARLIAMENT, 2nd SESSION

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS
STANDING COMMITTEE ON CITIZENSHIP AND
IMMIGRATION

Chair: Norman Doyle.

Meeting No. 27

Wednesday, April 9, 2008

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on Tuesday, December 11, 2007, the Committee resumed its study of Immigration Consultants.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Robert Carrier,
Norman Doyle,
Nina Grewal,
Hon. Jim Karygiannis,
Wajid Khan,
Ed Komarnicki,
Thierry St-Cyr
and Hon. Andrew Telegdi.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:
Penny Becklumb, Analyst;
Sandra Elgersma, Analyst.

WITNESSES:

Canadian Society of Immigration Consultants:

John Ryan, Chair;
Rivka Augenfeld, Public Interest Director;
Imran Qayyum, Vice-Chair.

Canadian Association of Professional Immigration Consultants:

Philip Mooney, National President;
Alli Amlani, President, Ontario Chapter.

Registered Immigration Consultants Association of Canada:

Sean Hu, Director.

Law Society of Upper Canada:

Malcolm Heins, Chief Executive Officer;
Katherine Corrick, Director, Policy and Legal Affairs;
Sheena Weir, Government Relations;
Julia Bass.

International Association of Immigration Practitioners:

Ramesh K. Dheer, National President.

Downtown Legal Services:

Joel Hechter.

South Asian Legal Clinic of Ontario (SALCO):

Anita Balakrishna, Staff Lawyer.

As an Individual:

Katarina Onuschak, Member of the Canadian Society of
Immigration Consultants, Co-Chair, Education Committee,
Canadian Association of Professional Immigration Consultants.

Canadian Society of Immigration Practitioners:

William Rallis, Director, Communication (Toronto);
Sergiu Vacaru, Professor, Brock University.

Andrew Bartholomew Chaplin
Clerk of the Committee

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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 27

Wednesday, April 9, 2008

The Standing Committee on Citizenship and Immigration met at 9:04 a.m. this day, Toronto III Room, Hilton Toronto, Toronto, Ontario, the Chair, Norman Doyle, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Robert Carrier, Norman Doyle, Nina Grewal, Hon. Jim Karygiannis, Wajid Khan, Ed Komarnicki, Thierry St-Cyr and Hon. Andrew Telegdi.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Penny Becklumb, Analyst; Sandra Elgersma, Analyst.

Witnesses: Canadian Society of Immigration Consultants: John Ryan, Chair; Rivka Augenfeld, Public Interest Director; Imran Qayyum, Vice-Chair. *Canadian Association of Professional Immigration Consultants:* Philip Mooney, National President; Alli Amlani, President, Ontario Chapter. *Registered Immigration Consultants Association of Canada:* Sean Hu, Director. *Law Society of Upper Canada:* Malcolm Heins, Chief Executive Officer; Katherine Corrick, Director, Policy and Legal Affairs; Sheena Weir, Government Relations; Julia Bass. *International Association of Immigration Practitioners:* Ramesh K. Dheer, National President. *Downtown Legal Services:* Joel Hechter. *South Asian Legal Clinic of Ontario (SALCO):* Anita Balakrishna, Staff Lawyer. *As an individual:* Katarina Onuschak, Member of the Canadian Society of Immigration Consultants, Co-Chair, Education Committee, Canadian Association of Professional Immigration Consultants. *Canadian Society of Immigration Practitioners:* William Rallis, Director, Communication (Toronto); Sergiu Vacaru, Professor, Brock University.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on Tuesday, December 11, 2007, the Committee resumed its study of Immigration Consultants.

John Ryan et Augenfeld made statements and, with Imran Qayyum, answered questions.

At 10:04 a.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 10:12 a.m., the sitting resumed.

Philip Mooney, Alli Amlani, Sean Hu, Malcolm Heins and Ramesh K. Dheer made statements and, with Julia Bass, answered questions.

At 10:51 a.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 10:54 a.m., the sitting resumed.

Joel Hechter, Anita Balakrishna, Katarina Onuschak, William Rallis and Sergiu Vacaru made statements answered questions

At 11:20 a.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 11:27 a.m., the sitting resumed.

At 12:27 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Andrew Bartholomew Chaplin
Clerk of the Committee

2008/04/16 1:51 p.m.

HOUSE OF COMMONS OF CANADA
39th PARLIAMENT, 2nd SESSION

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS
STANDING COMMITTEE ON CITIZENSHIP AND
IMMIGRATION

Chair: Norman Doyle.

Meeting No. 28

Wednesday, April 9, 2008

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on Thursday, November 22, 2007, the Committee resumed its study of undocumented and temporary foreign workers.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Robert Carrier,
Norman Doyle,
Nina Grewal,
Wajid Khan,
Ed Komarnicki,
Thierry St-Cyr
and Hon. Andrew Telegdi.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:
Penny Becklumb, Analyst;
Sandra Elgersma, Analyst.

WITNESSES:

C.D. Howe Institute:
Colin Busby, Policy Analyst.

As Individuals:

Luin Goldring, Associate Professor, Department of Sociology,
York University.

International Association of Immigration Practitioners:

Ramesh K. Dheer, National President.

*Construction Recruitment External Workers Services (CREWS) and
Building Industry and Land Development Association (BILD):*

Silvia Bendo, Executive Director.

As Individuals:

Jenna L. Hennebry, Assistant Professor, Departments of
Communication Studies and Sociology, Wilfrid Laurier University.

Canadian Restaurant and Foodservices Association:

Joyce Reynolds, Executive Vice-President, Government Affairs.

Ontario Council of Agencies Serving Immigrants:

Debbie Douglas, Executive Director;
Roberto Jovel, Coordinator, Policy and Research.

Status Now - Campaign in Defense of Undocumented Immigrants:

Sima Zerehi, Coordinator, Communications.

African Canadian Legal Clinic:

Marie Chen, Staff Lawyer.

Silvia Bendo, Jenna L. Hennebry and Joyce Reynolds made statements and answered questions.

Andrew Bartholomew Chaplin
Clerk of the Committee

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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 28

Wednesday, April 9, 2008

The Standing Committee on Citizenship and Immigration met at 1:07 p.m. this day, in Toronto III Room, Hilton Toronto, Toronto, Ontario, the Chair, Norman Doyle, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Robert Carrier, Norman Doyle, Nina Grewal, Wajid Khan, Ed Komarnicki, Thierry St-Cyr and Hon. Andrew Telegdi.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Penny Becklumb, Analyst; Sandra Elgersma, Analyst.

Witnesses: C.D. Howe Institute: Colin Busby, Policy Analyst. *As an individual:* Luin Goldring, Associate Professor, Department of Sociology, York University. *International Association of Immigration Practitioners:* Ramesh K. Dheer, National President. *Construction Recruitment External Workers Services (CREWS) and Building Industry and Land Development Association (BILD):* Silvia Bendo, Executive Director. *As an individual:* Jenna L. Hennebry, Assistant Professor, Departments of Communication Studies and Sociology, Wilfrid Laurier University. *Canadian Restaurant and Foodservices Association:* Joyce Reynolds, Executive Vice-President, Government Affairs. *Ontario Council of Agencies Serving Immigrants:* Debbie Douglas, Executive Director; Roberto Jovel, Coordinator, Policy and Research. *Status Now - Campaign in Defense of Undocumented Immigrants:* Sima Zerehi, Coordinator, Communications. *African Canadian Legal Clinic:* Marie Chen, Staff Lawyer.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on Thursday, November 22, 2007, the Committee resumed its study of undocumented and temporary foreign workers.

Colin Busby, Luin Goldring and Ramesh Dheer made statements and answered questions.

Silvia Bendo, Jenna L. Hennebry and Joyce Reynolds made statements and answered questions.

Debbie Douglas, Roberto Jovel, Sima Zerehi and Marie Chen made statements and answered questions.

At 4:00 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Andrew Bartholomew Chaplin
Clerk of the Committee

2008/04/11 2:27 p.m.

HOUSE OF COMMONS OF CANADA
39th PARLIAMENT, 2nd SESSION

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS
STANDING COMMITTEE ON CITIZENSHIP AND
IMMIGRATION

Chair: Norman Doyle.

Meeting No. 29

Thursday, April 10, 2008

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on Thursday, November 22, 2007, the Committee resumed its study of undocumented and temporary foreign workers.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on Thursday, November 22, 2007, the Committee resumed its study of Iraqi refugees.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Robert Carrier,
Olivia Chow,
Norman Doyle,
Nina Grewal,
Ed Komarnicki,
Thierry St-Cyr
and Hon. Andrew Telegdi.

ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

Raymonde Folco for Hon. Maurizio Bevilacqua,
and Luc Harvey for Dave Batters.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:

Penny Becklumb, Analyst;
Sandra Elgersma, Analyst.

WITNESSES:

As Individuals:

Sylvie Gravel, Professor, Work injuries, Safety at work, Business School, University of Quebec at Montreal;
Félicien Ngankoy, Communauté catholique congolaise de Montréal.

Église Chaldéenne des Saints-Martyrs-d'Orient:

Mowafaq Thomas.

Iraqi Community Centre:

Hala Alobaidi, Member;
Abbass Alnajjar, President.

As Individuals:

Jill Hanley, Assistant Professor, McGill School of Social Work.

Union des producteurs agricoles:

Pierre Lemieux, First Vice-President;
Hélène Varvaressos, Director General, AGRICarrières, Comité sectoriel de main-d'oeuvre de la production agricole.

Andrew Bartholomew Chaplin
Clerk of the Committee

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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 29

Thursday, April 10, 2008

The Standing Committee on Citizenship and Immigration met at 9:04 a.m. this day, in the Petit Salon, Hilton Montreal Airport Hotel, Dorval, Québec, the Chair, Norman Doyle, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Robert Carrier, Olivia Chow, Norman Doyle, Nina Grewal, Ed Komarnicki, Thierry St-Cyr and Hon. Andrew Telegdi.

Acting Members present: Raymonde Folco for Hon. Maurizio Bevilacqua and Luc Harvey for Dave Batters.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Penny Becklumb, Analyst; Sandra Elgersma, Analyst.

Witnesses: As individuals: Sylvie Gravel, Professor, Work injuries, Safety at work, Business School, University of Quebec at Montreal; Félicien Ngankoy, Communauté catholique congolaise de Montréal. *Église Chaldéenne des Saints-Martyrs-d'Orient:* Mowafaq Thomas. *Iraqi Community Centre:* Hala Alobaidi, Member; Abbass Alnajjar, President. *As an individual:* Jill Hanley, Assistant Professor, McGill School of Social Work. *Union des producteurs agricoles:* Pierre Lemieux, First Vice-President; Hélène Varvaressos, Director General, AGRICarières, Comité sectoriel de main-d'oeuvre de la production agricole.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on Thursday, November 22, 2007, the Committee resumed its study of undocumented and temporary foreign workers.

Sylvie Gravel and Félicien Ngankoy made statements and answered questions.

At 9:10 a.m., Thierry St-Cyr took the Chair.

At 10:05 a.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 10:07 a.m., the sitting resumed.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on Thursday, November 22, 2007, the Committee resumed its study of Iraqi refugees.

Mowafaq Thomas and Hala Alobaidi made statements and, with Abbass Alnajjar, answered questions.

At 11:06 a.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 11:09 a.m., the sitting resumed.

Jill Hanley, Pierre Lemieux and Hélène Varvaressos made statements and answered questions.

At 12:02 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Andrew Bartholomew Chaplin
Clerk of the Committee

2008/04/11 2:28 p.m.

HOUSE OF COMMONS OF CANADA
39th PARLIAMENT, 2nd SESSION

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS
**STANDING COMMITTEE ON CITIZENSHIP AND
IMMIGRATION**

Vice-Chair: Thierry St-Cyr.

Meeting No. 30

Thursday, April 10, 2008

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on Thursday, November 22, 2007, the Committee resumed its study of undocumented and temporary foreign workers.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Robert Carrier,
Olivia Chow,
Norman Doyle,
Nina Grewal,
Ed Komarnicki,
Thierry St-Cyr
and Hon. Andrew Telegdi.

ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

Raymonde Folco for Hon. Maurizio Bevilacqua,
and Luc Harvey for Dave Batters.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:
Sandra Elgersma, Analyst.

WITNESSES:

Amnesty International:

Béatrice Vaugrante, Director, Canadian Francophone Section;
Claudette Cardinal, Coordinator, Refugees, Canadian Francophone
Section.

As an Individual:

Alain Vallières, Lawyer.

Ligue des droits et libertés:

Nicole Fillion, Coordinator;
Louise Boivin, Coordinator, Committee on the Rights of
Immigrants and Refugees.

Association des aides familiales du Québec:

Farida Osmani, Coordinator, Undocumented and Temporary
Foreign Workers;
Samia Ouar, Project Leader and Worker.

Immigrant Workers Center:

Valérie Lavigne, Community Organizer;
Lisa Montgomery, Community Organizer.

Solidarity Across Borders:

Anna Purna Malla;
Mostafa Henaway, Community Organizer.

Farida Osmani, Valérie Lavigne, Lisa Montgomery and Anna Purna Malla made
statements and, with Samia Ouar and Mostafa Henaway, answered questions.

Andrew Bartholomew Chaplin
Clerk of the Committee

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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 30

Thursday, April 10, 2008

The Standing Committee on Citizenship and Immigration met at 12:59 p.m. this day, in the Petit Salon, Hilton Montreal Airport Hotel, Dorval, Québec, the Vice-Chair, Thierry St-Cyr, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Robert Carrier, Olivia Chow, Norman Doyle, Nina Grewal, Ed Komarnicki, Thierry St-Cyr and Hon. Andrew Telegdi.

Acting Members present: Raymonde Folco for Hon. Maurizio Bevilacqua and Luc Harvey for Dave Batters.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Sandra Elgersma, Analyst.

Witnesses: Amnesty International: Béatrice Vaugrante, Director, Canadian Francophone Section; Claudette Cardinal, Coordinator, Refugees, Canadian Francophone Section. *As an individual:* Alain Vallières, Lawyer. *Ligue des droits et libertés:* Nicole Fillion, Coordinator; Louise Boivin, Coordinator, Committee on the Rights of Immigrants and Refugees. *Association des aides familiales du Québec:* Farida Osmani, Coordinator, Undocumented and Temporary Foreign Workers; Samia Ouar, Project Leader and Worker. *Immigrant Workers Center:* Valérie Lavigne, Community Organizer; Lisa Montgomery, Community Organizer. *Solidarity Across Borders:* Anna Purna Malla; Mostafa Henaway, Community Organizer.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on Thursday, November 22, 2007, the Committee resumed its study of undocumented and temporary foreign workers.

Béatrice Vaugrante, Alain Vallières and Nicole Fillion made statements and, with Louise Boivin and Claudette Cardinal, answered questions.

At 1:59 p.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 2:02 p.m., the sitting resumed.

Farida Osmani, Valérie Lavigne, Lisa Montgomery and Anna Purna Malla made statements and, with Samia Ouar and Mostafa Henaway, answered questions.

At 3:05 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Andrew Bartholomew Chaplin
Clerk of the Committee

2008/04/11 2:28 p.m.

HOUSE OF COMMONS OF CANADA
39th PARLIAMENT, 2nd SESSION

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS
STANDING COMMITTEE ON CITIZENSHIP AND
IMMIGRATION

Chair: Norman Doyle.

Meeting No. 31

Monday, April 14, 2008

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on Thursday, November 22, 2007, the Committee resumed its study of undocumented and temporary foreign workers.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on Tuesday, December 11, 2007, the Committee resumed its study of Immigration Consultants.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Robert Carrier,
Norman Doyle,
Thierry St-Cyr
and Hon. Andrew Telegdi.

ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

Raymonde Folco for Hon. Maurizio Bevilacqua.

ASSOCIATE MEMBERS PRESENT:

Steven Blaney.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:

Penny Becklumb, Analyst;
Sandra Elgersma, Analyst.

WITNESSES:

As Individuals:

Eugénie Depatie-Pelletier, Research Associate, Canada Research
Chair on International Law of Migration, University of Montreal.

Quebec Human Rights and Youth Rights Commission:

Marc-André Dowd, Vice-President;
Carole Fiset, Human Rights Educator, Education and Cooperation
Department.

Fédération des chambres de commerce du Québec:

Yvon Boudreau, Representative, Consultant.

As Individuals:

Prashant Ajmera.

Canadian Society of Immigration Practitioners:

Mireille Gauthier, Chief Executive Officer, Montreal.

Andrew Bartholomew Chaplin
Clerk of the Committee

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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 31

Monday, April 14, 2008

The Standing Committee on Citizenship and Immigration met at 1:06 p.m. this day, in the Baudelaire-Lafontaine Room, Sir Wilfrid Auberge Sainte-Foy, Quebec city, Québec, the Chair, Norman Doyle, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Robert Carrier, Norman Doyle, Thierry St-Cyr and Hon. Andrew Telegdi.

Acting Members present: Raymonde Folco for Hon. Maurizio Bevilacqua.

Associate Members present: Steven Blaney.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Penny Becklumb, Analyst; Sandra Elgersma, Analyst.

Witnesses: As an individual: Eugénie Depatie-Pelletier, Research Associate, Canada Research Chair on International Law of Migration, University of Montreal. *Quebec Human Rights and Youth Rights Commission:* Marc-André Dowd, Vice-President; Carole Fiset, Human Rights Educator, Education and Cooperation Department. *Fédération des chambres de commerce du Québec:* Yvon Boudreau, Representative, Consultant. *As an individual:* Prashant Ajmera. *Canadian Society of Immigration Practitioners:* Mireille Gauthier, Chief Executive Officer, Montreal.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on Thursday, November 22, 2007, the Committee resumed its study of undocumented and temporary foreign workers.

Eugénie Depatie-Pelletier made a statement and answered questions.

At 2:03 p.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 2:06 p.m., the sitting resumed.

Marc-André Dowd and Yvon Boudreau made statements and, with Carole Fiset, answered questions.

At 3:05 p.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 3:10 p.m., the sitting resumed.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on Tuesday, December 11, 2007, the Committee resumed its study of Immigration Consultants.

Prashant Ajmera and Mireille Gauthier made statements and answered questions.

At 4:07 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Andrew Bartholomew Chaplin
Clerk of the Committee

2008/04/18 10:54 a.m.

HOUSE OF COMMONS OF CANADA
39th PARLIAMENT, 2nd SESSION

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS
STANDING COMMITTEE ON CITIZENSHIP AND
IMMIGRATION

Chair: Norman Doyle.

Meeting No. 32

Tuesday, April 15, 2008

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on Tuesday, December 11, 2007, the Committee resumed its study of Immigration Consultants.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on Thursday, November 22, 2007, the Committee resumed its study of undocumented and temporary foreign workers.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Robert Carrier,
Norman Doyle,
Thierry St-Cyr
and Hon. Andrew Telegdi.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:
Penny Becklumb, Analyst;
Sandra Elgersma, Analyst.

WITNESSES:

As an Individual:

Annette Landman, Canadian Certified Immigration Consultant,
President, Eastern Canada Immigration and Job Consultants Inc..

New Brunswick Multicultural Council:

George Maicher, President.

Government of New Brunswick:

Tony Lampart, Executive Director, Immigration Division,
Population Growth Secretariat;
Humphrey Sheehan, Chief Executive Officer, Population Growth
Secretariat.

Atlantic Provinces Trucking Association:

John C. Robison, Member, President, SkillSearch Recruiting.

George Maicher and Humphrey Sheehan made statements and, with Tony Lampart,
answered questions.

Andrew Bartholomew Chaplin
Clerk of the Committee

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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 32

Tuesday, April 15, 2008

The Standing Committee on Citizenship and Immigration met at 9:08 a.m. this day, in the Royal Stewart Room, Fredericton Inn, Fredericton, New Brunswick, the Chair, Norman Doyle, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Robert Carrier, Norman Doyle, Thierry St-Cyr and Hon. Andrew Telegdi.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Penny Becklumb, Analyst; Sandra Elgersma, Analyst.

Witnesses: As an individual: Annette Landman, Canadian Certified Immigration Consultant, President, Eastern Canada Immigration and Job Consultants Inc.. *New Brunswick Multicultural Council:* George Maicher, President. *Government of New Brunswick:* Tony Lampart, Executive Director, Immigration Division, Population Growth Secretariat; Humphrey Sheehan, Chief Executive Officer, Population Growth Secretariat. *Atlantic Provinces Trucking Association:* John C. Robison, Member, President, SkillSearch Recruiting.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on Tuesday, December 11, 2007, the Committee resumed its study of Immigration Consultants.

Annette Landman made a statement and answered questions.

At 9:57 a.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 10:09 a.m., the sitting resumed.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on Thursday, November 22, 2007, the Committee resumed its study of undocumented and temporary foreign workers.

George Maicher and Humphrey Sheehan made statements and, with Tony Lampart, answered questions.

At 11:06 a.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 11:13 a.m., the sitting resumed.

John C. Robinson made a statement and answered questions.

At 11:53 a.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Andrew Bartholomew Chaplin
Clerk of the Committee

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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS
**STANDING COMMITTEE ON CITIZENSHIP AND
IMMIGRATION**

Chair: Norman Doyle.

Meeting No. 33

Tuesday, April 15, 2008

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on Thursday, November 22, 2007, the Committee resumed its study of undocumented and temporary foreign workers.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Robert Carrier,
Norman Doyle,
Thierry St-Cyr
and Hon. Andrew Telegdi.

ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

Raymonde Folco for Hon. Maurizio Bevilacqua.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:
Penny Becklumb, Analyst;
Sandra Elgersma, Analyst.

WITNESSES:

Stewart Mussel Farms Inc.:
Stephen Stewart, Owner.

Andrew Bartholomew Chaplin
Clerk of the Committee

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Meeting No. 33

Tuesday, April 15, 2008

The Standing Committee on Citizenship and Immigration met at 1:09 p.m. this day, in the Royal Stewart Room, Fredericton Inn, Fredericton, New Brunswick, the Chair, Norman Doyle, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Robert Carrier, Norman Doyle, Thierry St-Cyr and Hon. Andrew Telegdi.

Acting Members present: Raymonde Folco for Hon. Maurizio Bevilacqua.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Penny Becklumb, Analyst; Sandra Elgersma, Analyst.

Witnesses: Stewart Mussel Farms Inc.: Stephen Stewart, Owner.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on Thursday, November 22, 2007, the Committee resumed its study of undocumented and temporary foreign workers.

The witness made a statement and answered questions.

At 1:56 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Andrew Bartholomew Chaplin
Clerk of the Committee

2008/04/18 10:55 a.m.

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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS
STANDING COMMITTEE ON CITIZENSHIP AND
IMMIGRATION

Chair: Norman Doyle.

Meeting No. 34

Wednesday, April 16, 2008

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on Thursday, November 22, 2007, the Committee resumed its study of undocumented and temporary foreign workers.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Robert Carrier,
Olivia Chow,
Norman Doyle,
Ed Komarnicki,
Thierry St-Cyr
and Hon. Andrew Telegdi.

ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

Raymonde Folco for Hon. Maurizio Bevilacqua.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:
Penny Becklumb, Analyst;
Sandra Elgersma, Analyst.

WITNESSES:

Nova Scotia Federation of Labour:

Rick Clarke, President.

Nova Scotia Labour Relations Board:

Mary-Lou Stewart, Chief Executive Officer.

Prince George Hotel:

Carol Logan, Director, Human Resources Branch.

Nova Scotia Tourism Human Resource Council:

Lynn McDonagh Hughes, Manager, Operations.

Mainland Nova Scotia Building and Construction Trades Council:

Cordell Cole, President.

Atlantic Region Association of Immigrant Serving Agencies:

Gerry Mills, President.

Halifax Coalition Against Poverty:

Kevin Wyman.

Rick Clarke made a statement and, with Mary-Lou Stewart, answered questions.

Andrew Bartholomew Chaplin
Clerk of the Committee

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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 34

Wednesday, April 16, 2008

The Standing Committee on Citizenship and Immigration met at 9:05 a.m. this day, in the Windsor Room, The Prince George Hotel, Halifax, Nova Scotia, the Chair, Norman Doyle, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Robert Carrier, Olivia Chow, Norman Doyle, Ed Komarnicki, Thierry St-Cyr and Hon. Andrew Telegdi.

Acting Members present: Raymonde Folco for Hon. Maurizio Bevilacqua.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Penny Becklumb, Analyst; Sandra Elgersma, Analyst.

Witnesses: Nova Scotia Federation of Labour: Rick Clarke, President. *Nova Scotia Labour Relations Board:* Mary-Lou Stewart, Chief Executive Officer. *Prince George Hotel:* Carol Logan, Director, Human Resources Branch. *Nova Scotia Tourism Human Resource Council:* Lynn McDonagh Hughes, Manager, Operations. *Mainland Nova Scotia Building and Construction Trades Council:* Cordell Cole, President. *Atlantic Region Association of Immigrant Serving Agencies:* Gerry Mills, President. *Halifax Coalition Against Poverty:* Kevin Wyman.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on Thursday, November 22, 2007, the Committee resumed its study of undocumented and temporary foreign workers.

Rick Clarke made a statement and, with Mary-Lou Stewart, answered questions.

At 11:05 a.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 11:09 a.m., the sitting resumed.

Carol Logan, Lynn McDonagh Hughes and Cordell Cole made statements and answered questions.

At 10:06 a.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 10:10 a.m., the sitting resumed.

Gerry Mills and Kevin Wyman made statements and answered questions.

At 11:57 a.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Andrew Bartholomew Chaplin
Clerk of the Committee

2008/04/18 10:55 a.m.

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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

**STANDING COMMITTEE ON CITIZENSHIP AND
IMMIGRATION**

Chair: Norman Doyle.

Meeting No. 35

Wednesday, April 16, 2008

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on Tuesday, December 11, 2007, the Committee resumed its study of Immigration Consultants.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Robert Carrier,
Olivia Chow,
Norman Doyle,
Ed Komarnicki,
Thierry St-Cyr
and Hon. Andrew Telegdi.

ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

Raymonde Folco for Hon. Maurizio Bevilacqua.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:
Penny Becklumb, Analyst;
Sandra Elgersma, Analyst.

WITNESSES:

Bruce Perreault and Associates:

Bruce Perreault, Member of the Canadian Bar Association and of the Canadian Society of Immigration Consultants (CSIC),
Founding Director, Canadian Association of Professional
Immigrant Consultants (CAPIC).

Canadian Migration Institute:

Ross Eastley, Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer;
Dawn Moore, Director.

Andrew Bartholomew Chaplin
Clerk of the Committee

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Meeting No. 35

Wednesday, April 16, 2008

The Standing Committee on Citizenship and Immigration met at 1:01 p.m. this day, in the Windsor Room, The Prince George Hotel, Halifax, Nova Scotia, the Chair, Norman Doyle, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Robert Carrier, Olivia Chow, Norman Doyle, Ed Komarnicki, Thierry St-Cyr and Hon. Andrew Telegdi.

Acting Members present: Raymonde Folco for Hon. Maurizio Bevilacqua.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Penny Becklumb, Analyst; Sandra Elgersma, Analyst.

Witnesses: Bruce Perreault and Associates: Bruce Perreault, Member of the Canadian Bar Association and of the Canadian Society of Immigration Consultants (CSIC), Founding Director, Canadian Association of Professional Immigrant Consultants (CAPIC). *Canadian Migration Institute:* Ross Eastley, Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer; Dawn Moore, Director.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on Tuesday, December 11, 2007, the Committee resumed its study of Immigration Consultants.

Bruce Perreault, Ross Eastley and Dawn Moore made statements and answered questions.

At 2:06 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Andrew Bartholomew Chaplin
Clerk of the Committee

2008/04/18 10:56 a.m.

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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

**STANDING COMMITTEE ON CITIZENSHIP AND
IMMIGRATION**

Chair: Norman Doyle.

Meeting No. 36

Thursday, April 17, 2008

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on Thursday, November 22, 2007, the Committee resumed its study of undocumented and temporary foreign workers.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Robert Carrier,
Norman Doyle,
Ed Komarnicki,
Thierry St-Cyr
and Hon. Andrew Telegdi.

ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

Raymonde Folco for Hon. Maurizio Bevilacqua.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:
Penny Becklumb, Analyst;
Sandra Elgersma, Analyst.

WITNESSES:

West End Baptist Church:

Gordon Sutherland, Pastor.

Newfoundland and Labrador Federation of Labour:

Lana Payne, First Vice-President.

Newfoundland and Labrador Building and Construction Trades Council:

David Wade, Executive Director.

Fish, Food and Allied Workers:

Greg Pretty, Industrial Director, Research and Communications
Branch.

Coalition on Richer Diversity:

Barbara Burnaby;

Donna Jeffrey, Executive Director, Refugee Immigrants Advisory
Council;

Jose Rivera.

International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers:

Michael Power, International Representative, Atlantic Canada,
Newfoundland and New-Brunswick;

Richard Dalton, Business Manager, Local 2330.

Barbara Burnaby, Michael Power and Donna Jeffrey made statements and, with Jose Rivera and Richard Dalton, answered questions.

Andrew Bartholomew Chaplin
Clerk of the Committee

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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 36

Thursday, April 17, 2008

The Standing Committee on Citizenship and Immigration met at 9:02 a.m. this day, in the Salon A, The Fairmont Newfoundland, St. John's, Newfoundland and Labrador, the Chair, Norman Doyle, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Robert Carrier, Norman Doyle, Ed Komarnicki, Thierry St-Cyr and Hon. Andrew Telegdi.

Acting Members present: Raymonde Folco for Hon. Maurizio Bevilacqua.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Penny Becklumb, Analyst; Sandra Elgersma, Analyst.

Witnesses: West End Baptist Church: Gordon Sutherland, Pastor. *Newfoundland and Labrador Federation of Labour:* Lana Payne, First Vice-President. *Newfoundland and Labrador Building and Construction Trades Council:* David Wade, Executive Director. *Fish, Food and Allied Workers:* Greg Pretty, Industrial Director, Research and Communications Branch. *Coalition on Richer Diversity:* Barbara Burnaby; Donna Jeffrey, Executive Director, Refugee Immigrants Advisory Council; Jose Rivera. *International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers:* Michael Power, International Representative, Atlantic Canada, Newfoundland and New-Brunswick; Richard Dalton, Business Manager, Local 2330.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on Thursday, November 22, 2007, the Committee resumed its study of undocumented and temporary foreign workers.

Gordon Sutherland, Lana Payne, Greg Pretty and David Wade made statements and answered questions.

At 10:29 a.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 10:32 a.m., the sitting resumed.

Barbara Burnaby, Michael Power and Donna Jeffrey made statements and, with Jose Rivera and Richard Dalton, answered questions.

At 11:40 a.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Andrew Bartholomew Chaplin
Clerk of the Committee

2008/04/18 10:56 a.m.

HOUSE OF COMMONS OF CANADA
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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

**STANDING COMMITTEE ON CITIZENSHIP AND
IMMIGRATION**

Chair: Norman Doyle.

Meeting No. 37

Monday, April 28, 2008

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on Tuesday, December 11, 2007, the Committee resumed its study of Immigration Consultants.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Colleen Beaumier,
Hon. Maurizio Bevilacqua,
Robert Carrier,
Olivia Chow,
Norman Doyle,
Nina Grewal,
Hon. Jim Karygiannis,
Wajid Khan,
Ed Komarnicki
and Hon. Andrew Telegdi.

ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

Deepak Obhrai for Dave Batters,
Bill Siksay for Olivia Chow,
and Robert Vincent for Thierry St-Cyr.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:

Penny Becklumb, Analyst;
Sandra Elgersma, Analyst.

WITNESSES:

Royal Canadian Mounted Police:

Mike Cabana, Chief Superintendent, Director General, Border
Integrity, Federal and International Operations.

Immigration and Refugee Board of Canada:

François Guilbault, Senior General Counsel.

Department of Citizenship and Immigration:

Les Linklater, Director General, Immigration Branch;
Brenna MacNeil, Director, Social Policy and Programs,
Immigration Branch.

Canada Revenue Agency:

Denis Meunier, Director General, Enforcement and Disclosures
Directorate, Compliance Programs Branch.

Canada Border Services Agency:

Steve Sloan, Director, Criminal Investigations Division,
Enforcement Branch.

Immigration and Refugee Board of Canada:

Geoff Zerr, Director, Policy and procedures.

Les Linklater, François Guilbault, Steve Sloan, Mike Cabana and Denis Meunier made statements and, with Brenna MacNeil and Geoff Zerr, answered questions.

Andrew Bartholomew Chaplin
Clerk of the Committee

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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 37

Monday, April 28, 2008

The Standing Committee on Citizenship and Immigration met at 3:29 p.m. this day, in Room 371, West Block, the Chair, Norman Doyle, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Colleen Beaumier, Hon. Maurizio Bevilacqua, Robert Carrier, Olivia Chow, Norman Doyle, Nina Grewal, Hon. Jim Karygiannis, Wajid Khan, Ed Komarnicki and Hon. Andrew Telegdi.

Acting Members present: Deepak Obhrai for Dave Batters, Bill Siksai for Olivia Chow and Robert Vincent for Thierry St-Cyr.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Penny Becklumb, Analyst; Sandra Elgersma, Analyst.

Witnesses: Royal Canadian Mounted Police: Mike Cabana, Chief Superintendent, Director General, Border Integrity, Federal and International Operations. *Immigration and Refugee Board of Canada:* François Guilbault, Senior General Counsel. *Department of Citizenship and Immigration:* Les Linklater, Director General, Immigration Branch; Brenna MacNeil, Director, Social Policy and Programs, Immigration Branch. *Canada Revenue Agency:* Denis Meunier, Director General, Enforcement and Disclosures Directorate, Compliance Programs Branch. *Canada Border Services Agency:* Steve Sloan, Director, Criminal Investigations Division, Enforcement Branch. *Immigration and Refugee Board of Canada:* Geoff Zerr, Director, Policy and procedures.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on Tuesday, December 11, 2007, the Committee resumed its study of Immigration Consultants.

Les Linklater, François Guilbault, Steve Sloan, Mike Cabana and Denis Meunier made statements and, with Brenna MacNeil and Geoff Zerr, answered questions.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

Wajid Khan moved, — That, as promptly as possible, the Standing Committee on Citizenship and Immigration consider the subject matter of Part 6 of Bill C 50, An Act to implement certain provisions of the budget tabled in Parliament on February 26, 2008 and to enact provisions to preserve the fiscal plan set out in that budget, and convey its recommendations to the Standing Committee on Finance no later than Friday, May 9, 2008, further to the Standing Committee on Finance's request unanimously passed on April 16, 2008 and transmitted to this committee on April 17, 2008.

Jim Karygiannis moved, — That the motion be amended by adding the word "preliminary" between the words "convey its" and the word "recommendations", and by replacing the words "transmitted to this committee on April 17, 2008" with the words "and, should further study be done, the committee undertake to do so".

After debate, the question was put on the amendment of Jim Karygiannis and it was negatived.

Bill Siksai moved, — That the motion be amended by adding in line 5 between the words "convey its"

and the word “recommendations”, the following: “preliminary”; and by replacing, in line 6, the date “May 9”, the following: “May 16”.

After debate, the question was put on the amendment of Bill Siksay and it was agreed to on the following recorded division: YEAS: Colleen Beaumier, Maurizio Bevilacqua, Robert Carrier, Jim Karygiannis, Bill Siksay, Andrew Telegdi, Robert Vincent — 7; NAYS: Nina Grewal, Wajid Khan, Ed Komarnicki, Deepak Obhrai — 4.

Olivia Chow moved, — That the motion be amended by adding at the end, “and that the Committee meet jointly at its first opportunity with the Standing Committee on Finance to consider the subject matter of Part 6 of Bill C 50, An Act to implement certain provisions of the budget tabled in Parliament on February 26, 2008 and to enact provisions to preserve the fiscal plan set out in that budget, and that the chairmanship of the joint proceedings alternate between the respective chairs of the two standing committees;

That the joint proceedings occur and hear witnesses across Canada, commencing at the scheduled meeting immediately following the adoption of this motion.

That the Committee table a copy of the evidence;

That pursuant to Standing Order 109, the Committee request that the government table a comprehensive response to the report;

and That these meetings be televised” .

After debate, the question was put on the amendment of Olivia Chow and it was negatived on the following recorded division: YEAS: Olivia Chow — 1; NAYS: Colleen Beaumier, Maurizio Bevilacqua, Robert Carrier, Nina Grewal, Jim Karygiannis, Wajid Khan, Ed Komarnicki, Deepak Obhrai, Andrew Telegdi, Robert Vincent — 10.

After debate, the question was put on the motion, as amended, and it was agreed to on the following recorded division: YEAS: Colleen Beaumier, Maurizio Bevilacqua, Robert Carrier, Olivia Chow, Jim Karygiannis, Andrew Telegdi, Robert Vincent — 7; NAYS: Nina Grewal, Wajid Khan, Ed Komarnicki, Deepak Obhrai — 4.

The motion, as amended, read as follows:

That, as promptly as possible, the Standing Committee on Citizenship and Immigration consider the subject matter of Part 6 of Bill C 50, An Act to implement certain provisions of the budget tabled in Parliament on February 26, 2008 and to enact provisions to preserve the fiscal plan set out in that budget, and convey its preliminary recommendations to the Standing Committee on Finance no later than Friday, May 16, 2008, further to the Standing Committee on Finance’s request unanimously passed on April 16, 2008 and transmitted to this committee on April 17, 2008.

At 5:36 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Andrew Bartholomew Chaplin
Clerk of the Committee

2008/04/30 11:32 a.m.

HOUSE OF COMMONS OF CANADA
39th PARLIAMENT, 2nd SESSION

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

**STANDING COMMITTEE ON CITIZENSHIP AND
IMMIGRATION**

Chair: Norman Doyle.

Meeting No. 38

Wednesday, April 30, 2008

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee met with representatives of the delegation from Germany.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on Thursday, November 22, 2007, the Committee resumed its study of Iraqi refugees.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Colleen Beaumier,
Hon. Maurizio Bevilacqua,
Robert Carrier,
Olivia Chow,
Norman Doyle,
Nina Grewal,
Hon. Jim Karygiannis,
Wajid Khan,
Ed Komarnicki,
Thierry St-Cyr
and Hon. Andrew Telegdi.

ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

Raymonde Folco for Colleen Beaumier,
and Raymonde Folco for Hon. Maurizio Bevilacqua.

ASSOCIATE MEMBERS PRESENT:

Blair Wilson.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:

Penny Becklumb, Analyst;
Sandra Elgersma, Analyst.

WITNESSES:

Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees:

Abraham Abraham, Representative in Canada;
Michael Casasola, Resettlement Officer;
Hy Shelow, Senior Protection Officer.

DELEGATION:

German-Canadian Parliamentary Friendship Group of the German Bundestag:

Klaus-Peter Flosbach, Member, Head of Delegation;
Jörg Rohde, Member;
Volker Schneider, Member;
Gero Storjohann, Member;
Engelbert Wistuba, Member;
Bettina Vogt, Interpreter.

Andrew Bartholomew Chaplin
Clerk of the Committee

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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 38

Wednesday, April 30, 2008

The Standing Committee on Citizenship and Immigration met at 3:31 p.m. this day, in Room 308, West Block, the Chair, Norman Doyle, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Colleen Beaumier, Hon. Maurizio Bevilacqua, Robert Carrier, Olivia Chow, Norman Doyle, Nina Grewal, Hon. Jim Karygiannis, Wajid Khan, Ed Komarnicki, Thierry St-Cyr and Hon. Andrew Telegdi.

Acting Members present: Raymonde Folco for Colleen Beaumier and Raymonde Folco for Hon. Maurizio Bevilacqua.

Associate Members present: Blair Wilson.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Penny Becklumb, Analyst; Sandra Elgersma, Analyst.

Witnesses: Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees: Abraham Abraham, Representative in Canada; Michael Casasola, Resettlement Officer; Hy Shelow, Senior Protection Officer.

Delegation: German-Canadian Parliamentary Friendship Group of the German Bundestag: Klaus-Peter Flosbach, Member, Head of Delegation; Jörg Rohde, Member; Volker Schneider, Member; Gero Storjohann, Member; Engelbert Wistuba, Member; Bettina Vogt, Interpreter.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee met with representatives of the delegation from Germany.

The delegates made statements and answered questions.

At 4:37 p.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 4:44 p.m., the sitting resumed.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on Thursday, November 22, 2007, the Committee resumed its study of Iraqi refugees.

Abraham Abraham made a statement and, with the other witnesses, answered questions.

At 5:47 p.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 6:06 p.m., the sitting resumed.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

It was agreed, — That, in relation to its study of Iraqi refugees, the Committee invite the Ambassador of

Iraq to appear.

It was agreed, — That the Fifth Report of the Subcommittee on Agenda and Procedure, which read as follows, be adopted:

In accordance with its mandate pursuant to Order made November 20, 2007, your Subcommittee has considered the question of the business of the Committee.

Pursuant to the motion adopted April 28, 2008, the Subcommittee recommends:

That the meeting on April 30 be extended by up to two hours, not including any suspensions for votes, to consider the draft recommendations for the reports on immigration consultants and Iraqi refugees;

That, on Monday, May 5, the meeting be extended by up to two hours, not including any suspensions for votes, to hear the Minister on the Main Estimates for the first hour, on the subject matter of Part 6 of Bill C-50 in the second hour, and from departmental and relevant agency officials in the last two hours;

That, during the appearance of the Minister, speakers be limited to five-minute turns in the rounds of questions;

That, on Tuesday, May 6, the Committee sit for 4 hours from 3:30 p.m., not including any suspensions for votes, to hear witnesses on Part 6 of Bill C-50 from the legal profession and its governing bodies, and from pertinent experts and professional bodies in immigration policy;

That, on Wednesday, May 7, the Committee sit for 4 hours from 3:30 p.m., to hear witnesses on Part 6 of Bill C-50 from ethnic communities with a stake in the formulation and application of immigration policy;

That, on Monday, May 12, the Committee sit for four and a half hours from 3:30 p.m., to hear other witnesses on Part 6 of Bill C-50 with an interest in the formulation and application of immigration policy, and that the final half hour be reserved for issuing drafting instructions to the analysts;

That, on Wednesday, May 14, the Committee sit for four hours from 3:30 p.m., to consider a draft of a preliminary report on the subject matter of Part 6 of Bill C-50, with a view to its adoption in a form that would be presentable on Friday, May 16; and

That members submit lists of those individuals and organizations that they believe should be heard on the subject matter of Part 6 of Bill C-50 to the Clerk of the Committee at their earliest convenience.

At 7:37 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Andrew Bartholomew Chaplin
Clerk of the Committee

2008/05/02 3:42 p.m.

HOUSE OF COMMONS OF CANADA
39th PARLIAMENT, 2nd SESSION

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

**STANDING COMMITTEE ON CITIZENSHIP AND
IMMIGRATION**

Chair: Norman Doyle.

Meeting No. 39

Tuesday, May 6, 2008

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on Monday, April 28, 2008, the Committee resumed its consideration of the subject matter of Part 6 of Bill C-50.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Colleen Beaumier,
Hon. Maurizio Bevilacqua,
Robert Carrier,
Olivia Chow,
Norman Doyle,
Nina Grewal,
Hon. Jim Karygiannis,
Wajid Khan,
Ed Komarnicki,
Thierry St-Cyr
and Hon. Andrew Telegdi.

ASSOCIATE MEMBERS PRESENT:

Blair Wilson.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:

Penny Becklumb, Analyst;
Sandra Elgersma, Analyst.

WITNESSES:

*Centre d'études et de recherches internationales de l'Université de
Montréal (CÉRIUM):*

François Crépeau, Professor of International Law.

As an Individual:

Jenna L. Hennebry, Assistant Professor, Departments of
Communication Studies and Sociology, Wilfrid Laurier University.

Ukrainian News:

Marco Levytsky, Editor, Edmonton.

Andrew Bartholomew Chaplin
Clerk of the Committee

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Meeting No. 39

Tuesday, May 6, 2008

The Standing Committee on Citizenship and Immigration met by videoconference at 3:31 p.m. this day, in Room 214, Wellington Building, the Chair, Norman Doyle, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Colleen Beaumier, Hon. Maurizio Bevilacqua, Robert Carrier, Olivia Chow, Norman Doyle, Nina Grewal, Hon. Jim Karygiannis, Wajid Khan, Ed Komarnicki, Thierry St-Cyr and Hon. Andrew Telegdi.

Associate Members present: Blair Wilson.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Penny Becklumb, Analyst; Sandra Elgersma, Analyst.

Witnesses: Centre d'études et de recherches internationales de l'Université de Montréal (CÉRIUM): François Crépeau, Professor of International Law. *As an individual:* Jenna L. Hennebry, Assistant Professor, Departments of Communication Studies and Sociology, Wilfrid Laurier University. *Ukrainian News in Edmonton:* Marco Levytsky, Editor.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on Monday, April 28, 2008, the Committee commenced its consideration of the subject matter of Part 6 of Bill C-50.

The witnesses made statements and answered questions.

At 3:59 p.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 4:02 p.m., the sitting resumed.

On motion of Jim Karygiannis, it was agreed, — That the witnesses be invited to appear in Ottawa and that the date for reporting the results of the study be extended by a number of days corresponding to the days lost to technical difficulties.

At 4:08 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Andrew Bartholomew Chaplin
Clerk of the Committee

2008/05/08 9:49 a.m.

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STANDING COMMITTEE ON CITIZENSHIP AND
IMMIGRATION

Chair: Norman Doyle.

Meeting No. 40

Wednesday, May 7, 2008

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Meeting No. 40

Wednesday, May 7, 2008

The Standing Committee on Citizenship and Immigration met *in camera* at 3:32 p.m. this day, in Room 371, West Block, the Chair, Norman Doyle, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Hon. Maurizio Bevilacqua, Robert Carrier, Olivia Chow, Norman Doyle, Nina Grewal, Hon. Jim Karygiannis, Wajid Khan, Ed Komarnicki, Thierry St-Cyr and Hon. Andrew Telegdi.

Acting Members present: Lynne Yelich for Dave Batters.

Associate Members present: Blair Wilson.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Penny Becklumb, Analyst; Sandra Elgersma, Analyst.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

It was agreed, — That the Committee meet to hear witnesses for six hours on Monday, May 12, and Tuesday, May 13, and for four hours on Wednesday, May 14; and that the Committee meet to consider a draft report for up to three hours starting at 9 a.m. on Thursday, May 15, on the subject matter of Part 6 of Bill C-50, An Act to implement certain provisions of the budget tabled in Parliament on February 26, 2008 and to enact provisions to preserve the fiscal plan set out in that budget.

It was agreed, — That the proposed budget in the amount of \$ 76,350, for the period of May 12 to May 16, 2008, for the study of Part 6 of Bill C-50, An Act to implement certain provisions of the budget tabled in Parliament on February 26, 2008 and to enact provisions to preserve the fiscal plan set out in that budget, and that the Chair present the said budget to the Budget Subcommittee of the Liaison Committee.

At 4:04 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Andrew Bartholomew Chaplin
Clerk of the Committee

2008/05/30 11:23 a.m.

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**STANDING COMMITTEE ON CITIZENSHIP AND
IMMIGRATION**

Chair: Norman Doyle.

Meeting No. 41

Monday, May 12, 2008

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on Monday, April 28, 2008, the Committee resumed its consideration of the subject matter of Part 6 of Bill C-50.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Colleen Beaumier,
Hon. Maurizio Bevilacqua,
Robert Carrier,
Olivia Chow,
Norman Doyle,
Nina Grewal,
Ed Komarnicki
and Hon. Andrew Telegdi.

ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

Jean-Yves Roy for Thierry St-Cyr.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:
Penny Becklumb, Analyst;
Sandra Elgersma, Analyst.

WITNESSES:

As an Individual:

Jenna L. Hennebry, Assistant Professor, Departments of
Communication Studies and Sociology, Wilfrid Laurier University.

*Centre d'études et de recherches internationales de l'Université de
Montréal (CÉRIUM):*

François Crépeau, Professor of International Law.

Canadian Bar Association:

Stephen W. Green, Treasurer, National Citizenship and
Immigration Law Section;
Kerri Froc, Legal Policy Analyst.

Andrew Bartholomew Chaplin
Clerk of the Committee



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Meeting No. 41

Monday, May 12, 2008

The Standing Committee on Citizenship and Immigration met at 10:02 a.m. this day, in Room 269, West Block, the Chair, Norman Doyle, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Colleen Beaumier, Hon. Maurizio Bevilacqua, Robert Carrier, Olivia Chow, Norman Doyle, Nina Grewal, Ed Komarnicki and Hon. Andrew Telegdi.

Acting Members present: Jean-Yves Roy for Thierry St-Cyr.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Penny Becklumb, Analyst; Sandra Elgersma, Analyst.

Witnesses: As an individual: Jenna L. Hennebry, Assistant Professor, Departments of Communication Studies and Sociology, Wilfrid Laurier University. *Centre d'études et de recherches internationales de l'Université de Montréal (CÉRIUM):* François Crépeau, Professor of International Law. *Canadian Bar Association:* Stephen W. Green, Treasurer; Kerri Froc, Legal Policy Analyst.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on Monday, April 28, 2008, the Committee resumed its consideration of the subject matter of Part 6 of Bill C-50.

Jenna L. Hennebry and François Crépeau made statements and answered questions.

At 11:06 a.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 11:08 a.m., the sitting resumed.

Stephen W. Green and Kerri Froc made statements and answered questions.

At 11:44 a.m., Hon. Maurizio Bevilacqua took the Chair.

At 11:48 a.m., Norman Doyle took the Chair.

At 12:04 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Andrew Bartholomew Chaplin
Clerk of the Committee

2008/05/12 1:49 p.m.

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**STANDING COMMITTEE ON CITIZENSHIP AND
IMMIGRATION**

Chair: Norman Doyle.

Meeting No. 42

Monday, May 12, 2008

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on Monday, April 28, 2008, the Committee resumed its consideration of the subject matter of Part 6 of Bill C-50.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Colleen Beaumier,
Hon. Maurizio Bevilacqua,
Robert Carrier,
Olivia Chow,
Norman Doyle,
Nina Grewal,
Hon. Jim Karygiannis,
Ed Komarnicki,
Thierry St-Cyr
and Hon. Andrew Telegdi.

ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

Rob Anders for Wajid Khan.

ASSOCIATE MEMBERS PRESENT:

Blair Wilson.

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Meeting No. 42

Monday, May 12, 2008

The Standing Committee on Citizenship and Immigration met at 3:34 p.m. this day, in Room 269, West Block, the Chair, Norman Doyle, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Colleen Beaumier, Hon. Maurizio Bevilacqua, Robert Carrier, Olivia Chow, Norman Doyle, Nina Grewal, Hon. Jim Karygiannis, Ed Komarnicki, Thierry St-Cyr and Hon. Andrew Telegdi.

Acting Members present: Rob Anders for Wajid Khan.

Associate Members present: Blair Wilson.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Penny Becklumb, Analyst; Sandra Elgersma, Analyst.

Witnesses: As individuals: Lorne Waldman, Immigration Lawyer; Barbara Jackman, Immigration and Refugee Lawyer; David Cohen, Immigration Lawyer. *Canadian Council for Refugees:* Janet Dench, Executive Director. *Canadian Association of Professional Immigration Consultants:* Philip Mooney, National President. *Canadian Society of Immigration Consultants:* Imran Qayyum, Vice-Chair; John P. Ryan, Chair. *Perley-Robertson, Hill and McDougall LLP:* Warren Creates, Head, Immigration Law Group. *Chinese Canadian Community Alliance:* Tom Pang, Acting President. *National Congress of Chinese Canadians:* Ping T. Tan, National Executive Co-Chair. *Ontario Council of Agencies Serving Immigrants:* Roberto Jovel, Coordinator, Policy and Research.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on Monday, April 28, 2008, the Committee resumed its consideration of the subject matter of Part 6 of Bill C-50.

Lorne Waldman, Barbara Jackman, Janet Dench and Philip Mooney made statements and answered questions.

At 4:31 p.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 4:35 p.m., the sitting resumed.

Imran Qayyum, Warren Creates and David Cohen made statements and, with John Ryan, answered questions.

It was agreed, — That the brief of David Cohen be taken as read.

At 5:32 p.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 5:33 p.m., the sitting resumed.

Tom Pang, Ping T. Tan and Roberto Jovel made statements and answered questions.

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IMMIGRATION**

Chair: Norman Doyle.

Meeting No. 43

Tuesday, May 13, 2008

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on Monday, April 28, 2008, the Committee resumed its consideration of the subject matter of Part 6 of Bill C-50.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Hon. Maurizio Bevilacqua,
Robert Carrier,
Olivia Chow,
Norman Doyle,
Nina Grewal,
Ed Komarnicki,
Thierry St-Cyr
and Hon. Andrew Telegdi.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:
Penny Becklumb, Analyst;
Sandra Elgersma, Analyst.

WITNESSES:

Committee for Racial Justice:
Aziz Khaki, President.

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Meeting No. 43

Tuesday, May 13, 2008

The Standing Committee on Citizenship and Immigration met at 9:06 a.m. this day, in Room 214, Wellington Building, the Chair, Norman Doyle, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Hon. Maurizio Bevilacqua, Robert Carrier, Olivia Chow, Norman Doyle, Nina Grewal, Ed Komarnicki, Thierry St-Cyr and Hon. Andrew Telegdi.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Penny Becklumb, Analyst; Sandra Elgersma, Analyst.

Witnesses: Committee for Racial Justice: Aziz Khaki, President. *S.U.C.C.E.S.S.:* Tung Chan, Chief Executive Officer. *Voice of the Minorities:* Eric Szeto, Organizer. *Canadian Labour Congress:* Hassan Yussuff, Secretary-Treasurer; Karl Flecker, National Director, Anti-Racism and Human Rights Department.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on Monday, April 28, 2008, the Committee resumed its consideration of the subject matter of Part 6 of Bill C-50.

Aziz Khaki, Tung Chan and Eric Szeto made statements and answered questions.

At 10:15 a.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 10:16 a.m., the sitting resumed.

Hassan Yussuff made a statement and, with Karl Flecker, answered questions.

At 11:07 a.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Andrew Bartholomew Chaplin
Clerk of the Committee

2008/05/15 11:22 a.m.

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**STANDING COMMITTEE ON CITIZENSHIP AND
IMMIGRATION**

Chair: Norman Doyle.

Meeting No. 44

Tuesday, May 13, 2008

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on Monday, April 28, 2008, the Committee resumed its consideration of the subject matter of Part 6 of Bill C-50.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Colleen Beaumier,
Hon. Maurizio Bevilacqua,
Robert Carrier,
Olivia Chow,
Norman Doyle,
Nina Grewal,
Hon. Jim Karygiannis,
Wajid Khan,
Ed Komarnicki,
Thierry St-Cyr
and Hon. Andrew Telegdi.

ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

James Bezan for Dave Batters.

ASSOCIATE MEMBERS PRESENT:

Blair Wilson.

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Meeting No. 44

Tuesday, May 13, 2008

The Standing Committee on Citizenship and Immigration met in a televised session at 3:29 p.m. this day, in Room 253-D, Centre Block, the Chair, Norman Doyle, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Colleen Beaumier, Hon. Maurizio Bevilacqua, Robert Carrier, Olivia Chow, Norman Doyle, Nina Grewal, Hon. Jim Karygiannis, Wajid Khan, Ed Komarnicki, Thierry St-Cyr and Hon. Andrew Telegdi.

Acting Members present: James Bezan for Dave Batters.

Associate Members present: Blair Wilson.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Penny Becklumb, Analyst; Sandra Elgersma, Analyst.

Appearing: Hon. Diane Finley, Minister of Citizenship and Immigration.

Witnesses: Department of Citizenship and Immigration: Richard Fadden, Deputy Minister; Andrea Lyon, Assistant Deputy Minister, Strategic and Program Policy; Les Linklater, Director General, Immigration Branch. *As individuals:* Joan Atkinson, Canada Public Service Agency; Daniel Jean, Associate Secretary, Senior Associate Secretary's Office, Treasury Board Secretariat.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on Monday, April 28, 2008, the Committee resumed its consideration of the subject matter of Part 6 of Bill C-50.

The Minister made a statement and answered questions.

At 4:41 p.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 4:44 p.m., the sitting resumed.

Richard Fadden, Andrea Lyon and Les Linklater answered questions.

At 6:18 p.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 6:35 p.m., the sitting resumed.

On motion of Ed Komarnicki, it was agreed, — That the time required to deal with points of order not be deducted from the time of the member who has the floor.

Joan Atkinson and Daniel Jean made statements and answered questions.

At 7:33 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

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IMMIGRATION**

Chair: Norman Doyle.

Meeting No. 45

Wednesday, May 14, 2008

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on Monday, April 28, 2008, the Committee resumed its consideration of the subject matter of Part 6 of Bill C-50.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Colleen Beaumier,
Hon. Maurizio Bevilacqua,
Robert Carrier,
Olivia Chow,
Norman Doyle,
Nina Grewal,
Hon. Jim Karygiannis,
Wajid Khan,
Ed Komarnicki,
Thierry St-Cyr
and Hon. Andrew Telegdi.

ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

Ed Fast for Dave Batters,
and Bill Siksay for Olivia Chow.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:

Penny Becklumb, Analyst;
Sandra Elgersma, Analyst.

WITNESSES:

Canadian Federation of Independent Business:

Corinne Pohlmann, Vice-President, National Affairs.

British Columbia Chamber of Commerce:

Jon Garson, Vice-President, Policy Development Branch.

Canadian Restaurant and Foodservices Association:

Joyce Reynolds, Executive Vice-President, Government Affairs.

Status Now! - Campaign in Defense of Undocumented Immigrants:

Elizabeth Lim, Lawyer, Lim Mangalji Law Group.

Asia Pacific Foundation of Canada:

Vikram Khurana, Director.

Canadian Centre for Policy Studies:

Joseph Ben-Ami, President.

Inter-Cultural Neighbourhood Social Services:

Andrea Seepersaud, Executive Director;
Patrick Hynes, Employment Advocate, Enhanced Language
Training Program.

St. Joseph's Roman Catholic Church:

Pierre Gauthier, Refugee Outreach Committee;
Lisa Barnet.

Islamic Humanitarian Service:

Shafiq Hudda, Director.

Andrea Seepersaud, Patrick Hynes, Pierre Gauthier and Shafiq Hudda made statements and, with Lisa Barnet, answered questions.

Andrew Bartholomew Chaplin
Clerk of the Committee

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Meeting No. 45

Wednesday, May 14, 2008

The Standing Committee on Citizenship and Immigration met at 3:32 p.m. this day, in Room 213, Wellington Building, the Chair, Norman Doyle, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Colleen Beaumier, Hon. Maurizio Bevilacqua, Robert Carrier, Olivia Chow, Norman Doyle, Nina Grewal, Hon. Jim Karygiannis, Wajid Khan, Ed Komarnicki, Thierry St-Cyr and Hon. Andrew Telegdi.

Acting Members present: Ed Fast for Dave Batters and Bill Siksay for Olivia Chow.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Penny Becklumb, Analyst; Sandra Elgersma, Analyst.

Witnesses: Canadian Federation of Independent Business: Corinne Pohlmann, Vice-President, National Affairs. *British Columbia Chamber of Commerce:* Jon Garson, Vice-President, Policy Development Branch. *Canadian Restaurant and Foodservices Association:* Joyce Reynolds, Executive Vice-President, Government Affairs. *Status Now! - Campaign in Defense of Undocumented Immigrants:* Elizabeth Lim, Lawyer, Lim Mangalji Law Group. *Asia Pacific Foundation of Canada:* Vikram Khurana, Director. *Canadian Centre for Policy Studies:* Joseph Ben-Ami, President. *Inter-Cultural Neighbourhood Social Services:* Andrea Seepersaud, Executive Director; Patrick Hynes, Employment Advocate, Enhanced Language Training Program. *St. Joseph's Roman Catholic Church:* Pierre Gauthier, Refugee Outreach Committee; Lisa Barnet. *Islamic Humanitarian Service:* Shafiq Hudda, Director.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on Monday, April 28, 2008, the Committee resumed its consideration of the subject matter of Part 6 of Bill C-50.

Corinne Pohlmann, Jon Garson and Joyce Reynolds made statements and answered questions.

At 4:35 p.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 4:37 p.m., the sitting resumed.

Elizabeth Lim, Vikram Khurana and Joseph Ben-Ami made statements and answered questions.

At 5:30 p.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 6:10 p.m., the sitting resumed.

Andrea Seepersaud, Patrick Hynes, Pierre Gauthier and Shafiq Hudda made statements and, with Lisa Barnet, answered questions.

At 7:13 p.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 7:23 p.m., the sitting resumed *in camera*.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

At 8:05 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Andrew Bartholomew Chaplin
Clerk of the Committee

2008/05/15 11:06 a.m.

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Chair: Norman Doyle.

Meeting No. 46

Thursday, May 15, 2008

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Meeting No. 46

Thursday, May 15, 2008

The Standing Committee on Citizenship and Immigration met *in camera* at 9:10 a.m. this day, in Room 214, Wellington Building, the Chair, Norman Doyle, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Hon. Maurizio Bevilacqua, Robert Carrier, Olivia Chow, Norman Doyle, Hon. Jim Karygiannis, Wajid Khan, Ed Komarnicki, Thierry St-Cyr and Hon. Andrew Telegdi.

Acting Members present: Ed Fast for Dave Batters.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Penny Becklumb, Analyst; Sandra Elgersma, Analyst.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on Monday, April 28, 2008, the Committee resumed its consideration of the subject matter of Part 6 of Bill C-50, An Act to implement certain provisions of the budget tabled in Parliament on February 26, 2008 and to enact provisions to preserve the fiscal plan set out in that budget.

It was agreed, — That the draft letter to the Chair of the Standing Committee on Finance be adopted.

It was agreed, — That the Committee append to its letter to the Chair of the Standing Committee on Finance a dissenting opinion from the Conservative Party of Canada provided that it is no longer than the letter itself and submitted electronically to the Clerk of the Committee on Friday, May 16, 2008.

At 9:44 a.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Andrew Bartholomew Chaplin
Clerk of the Committee

2008/05/30 1:15 p.m.

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Chair: Norman Doyle.

Meeting No. 47

Wednesday, May 28, 2008

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 81(4), the Committee commenced consideration of the Main Estimates 2008-2009: Votes 1, 5 and 10 under CITIZENSHIP AND IMMIGRATION referred to the Committee on Thursday, February 28, 2008.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Colleen Beaumier,
Hon. Maurizio Bevilacqua,
Robert Carrier,
Olivia Chow,
Norman Doyle,
Nina Grewal,
Hon. Jim Karygiannis,
Wajid Khan,
Ed Komarnicki,
Thierry St-Cyr
and Hon. Andrew Telegdi.

ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

Daniel Petit for Dave Batters.

ASSOCIATE MEMBERS PRESENT:

Blair Wilson.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:

Sandra Elgersma, Analyst;
Philippe Le Goff, Analyst.

APPEARING:

Hon. Diane Finley, Minister of Citizenship and Immigration.

WITNESSES:

Department of Citizenship and Immigration:

Richard Fadden, Deputy Minister;
Wayne Ganim, Chief Financial Officer, Finance Branch.

The Minister made a statement and, with the witnesses, answered questions.

Andrew Bartholomew Chaplin
Clerk of the Committee

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Meeting No. 47

Wednesday, May 28, 2008

The Standing Committee on Citizenship and Immigration met in a televised session at 3:32 p.m. this day, in Room 269, West Block, the Chair, Norman Doyle, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Colleen Beaumier, Hon. Maurizio Bevilacqua, Robert Carrier, Olivia Chow, Norman Doyle, Nina Grewal, Hon. Jim Karygiannis, Wajid Khan, Ed Komarnicki, Thierry St-Cyr and Hon. Andrew Telegdi.

Acting Members present: Daniel Petit for Dave Batters.

Associate Members present: Blair Wilson.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Sandra Elgersma, Analyst; Philippe Le Goff, Analyst.

Appearing: Hon. Diane Finley, Minister of Citizenship and Immigration.

Witnesses: Department of Citizenship and Immigration: Richard Fadden, Deputy Minister; Wayne Ganim, Chief Financial Officer, Finance Branch.

Pursuant to Standing Orders 81(4) and 81(5), the Committee commenced consideration of the Main Estimates 2008-2009: Votes 1, 5 and 10 under CITIZENSHIP AND IMMIGRATION referred to the Committee on Thursday, February 28, 2008, and Supplementary Estimates (A) 2008-2009: Vote 1a under CITIZENSHIP AND IMMIGRATION referred May 13, 2008.

The Chair called Votes 1, 5 and 10 under CITIZENSHIP AND IMMIGRATION in the Main Estimates and Vote 1a under CITIZENSHIP AND IMMIGRATION in the Supplementary Estimates (A).

The Minister made a statement and, with the witnesses, answered questions.

It was agreed, — That votes 1, 5 and 10 under CITIZENSHIP AND IMMIGRATION in the Main Estimates for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2009, carry on division.

ORDERED, — That the Chair report Votes 1, 5 and 10 under CITIZENSHIP AND IMMIGRATION in the Main Estimates for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2009, to the House.

It was agreed, — That Vote 1a under CITIZENSHIP AND IMMIGRATION in the Supplementary Estimates (A) for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2009, carry on division.

ORDERED, — That the Chair report Vote 1a under CITIZENSHIP AND IMMIGRATION in the Supplementary Estimates (A) for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2009, to the House.

At 5:13 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Andrew Bartholomew Chaplin
Clerk of the Committee

2008/06/03 11:23 a.m.

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Chair: Norman Doyle.

Meeting No. 48

Wednesday, June 4, 2008

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Meeting No. 48

Wednesday, June 4, 2008

The Standing Committee on Citizenship and Immigration met *in camera* at 4:04 p.m. this day, in Room 371, West Block, the Chair, Norman Doyle, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Hon. Maurizio Bevilacqua, Robert Carrier, Olivia Chow, Norman Doyle, Nina Grewal, Hon. Jim Karygiannis, Wajid Khan, Ed Komarnicki, Thierry St-Cyr and Hon. Andrew Telegdi.

Acting Members present: Yasmin Ratansi for Colleen Beaumier.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Penny Becklumb, Analyst; Sandra Elgersma, Analyst.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

It was agreed, — That the Sixth Report from the Subcommittee on Agenda and Procedure, which read as follows, be adopted:

That the Committee use the balance of the meeting on Wednesday, June 4, to consider the draft report on immigration consultants with a view to its adoption in a form that would be presentable in the House;

That the Committee consider a preliminary summary of issues and instruct the analysts on the drafting of a report concerning undocumented workers and temporary foreign workers on Monday, June 9;

That the Committee meet to consider outstanding notices of motion on Wednesday, June 11; and

That the Committee invite the Ambassador of the Republic of Iraq to appear at his earliest convenience and, subsequent to that, consider interim recommendations for a report on Iraqi refugees.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on Tuesday, December 11, 2007, the Committee resumed its study of Immigration Consultants.

The Committee commenced consideration of a draft report.

At 5:27 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Andrew Bartholomew Chaplin
Clerk of the Committee

2008/06/16 3:10 p.m.

HOUSE OF COMMONS OF CANADA
39th PARLIAMENT, 2nd SESSION

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS
STANDING COMMITTEE ON CITIZENSHIP AND
IMMIGRATION

Vice-Chair: Thierry St-Cyr.

Meeting No. 49

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Meeting No. 49

Monday, June 9, 2008

The Standing Committee on Citizenship and Immigration met *in camera* at 3:51 p.m. this day, in Room 269, West Block, the Vice-Chair, Thierry St-Cyr, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Hon. Maurizio Bevilacqua, Robert Carrier, Olivia Chow, Nina Grewal, Hon. Jim Karygiannis, Wajid Khan, Ed Komarnicki and Thierry St-Cyr.

Acting Members present: Steven Blaney for Norman Doyle and Hon. Maria Minna for Colleen Beaumier.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Penny Becklumb, Analyst; Sandra Elgersma, Analyst.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on Tuesday, December 11, 2007, the Committee resumed its study of Immigration Consultants.

The Committee resumed consideration of a draft report.

It was agreed, — That the Committee adopt the draft report as the Committee's report, and that the Chair present the said report to the House.

It was agreed, — That the Committee append to its report a dissenting opinion from the Conservative members of the Committee provided that it is no longer than the report itself and submitted to the Clerk of the Committee no later than 5:00 p.m., on Wednesday, June 11, 2008.

It was agreed, — That the Chair be authorized to make such typographical and editorial changes as may be necessary without changing the substance of the report.

It was agreed, — That, pursuant to Standing Order 109, the Committee request that the Government table a comprehensive response to the report.

It was agreed, — That 50 copies of the report be printed in accordance with the policy established by the Board of Internal Economy in a tumble bilingual format.

At 3:55 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Andrew Bartholomew Chaplin
Clerk of the Committee

2008/06/10 12:29 p.m.

HOUSE OF COMMONS OF CANADA
39th PARLIAMENT, 2nd SESSION

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

**STANDING COMMITTEE ON CITIZENSHIP AND
IMMIGRATION**

Chair: Norman Doyle.

Meeting No. 50

Tuesday, June 17, 2008

ORDER OF THE DAY:

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on Thursday, November 22, 2007, the Committee resumed its study of undocumented and temporary foreign workers.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Hon. Maurizio Bevilacqua,
Robert Carrier,
Olivia Chow,
Norman Doyle,
Nina Grewal,
Hon. Jim Karygiannis,
Ed Komarnicki,
Thierry St-Cyr
and Hon. Andrew Telegdi.

ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

Rick Dykstra for Wajid Khan,
Hon. Mark Eyking for Colleen Beaumier,
and Jeff Watson for Dave Batters.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:

Penny Becklumb, Analyst;
Sandra Elgersma, Analyst.

Andrew Bartholomew Chaplin
Clerk of the Committee

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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 50

Tuesday, June 17, 2008

The Standing Committee on Citizenship and Immigration met at 3:33 p.m. this day, in Room 213, Wellington Building, the Chair, Norman Doyle, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Hon. Maurizio Bevilacqua, Robert Carrier, Olivia Chow, Norman Doyle, Nina Grewal, Hon. Jim Karygiannis, Ed Komarnicki, Thierry St-Cyr and Hon. Andrew Telegdi.

Acting Members present: Rick Dykstra for Wajid Khan, Hon. Mark Eyking for Colleen Beaumier and Jeff Watson for Dave Batters.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Penny Becklumb, Analyst; Sandra Elgersma, Analyst.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

Olivia Chow moved, — That, pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee recommend the government immediately serve notice and then proceed to abrogate the Safe Third Country Agreement with the United States of America.

After debate, the question was put on the motion and it was negatived, by a show of hands: YEAS: 3; NAYS: 4.

Andrew Telegdi moved, — That, when the House returns from the summer adjournment, pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee study the government's system for determining if applicants under the provision for the federal skilled worker class will be able to become economically established in Canada, and that, as part of the study, the Committee travel to Australia and New Zealand to examine the analogous systems in those countries.

Debate arose thereon.

Ed Komarnicki moved, — That the motion be amended by deleting all words after “Canada”.

After debate, the question was put on the amendment of Ed Komarnicki and it was negatived, by a show of hands: YEAS: 4; NAYS: 7.

The question was put on the motion and it was agreed to, by a show of hands: YEAS: 7; NAYS: 4.

Jim Karygiannis moved, — That this committee undertake a study of the effectiveness of the Foreign Credentials Referral Office, call witnesses from the Department of Citizenship and Immigration, stakeholders, immigration practitioners, lawyers, community organizations, and professional organizations and groups; that a report be compiled; and that the Chair present it in the House of Commons.

Debate arose thereon.

Olivia Chow moved, — That the motion be amended by inserting after the words “Foreign Credentials Referral Office” the words “and other possible methodologies to expedite foreign credentials recognition”.

After debate, the question was put on the amendment of Olivia Chow and it was negatived, by a show of hands: YEAS: 5; NAYS: 6.

The question was put on the motion and it was negatived, by a show of hands: YEAS: 5; NAYS: 6.

Jim Karygiannis moved, — That, in the opinion of the Committee, the government should deport no one to Sri Lanka until a safe environment exists there, and that it should expedite any family class sponsorships from the danger zone; that the Committee adopt these recommendations as a report to the House and that, pursuant to Standing order 108(1), the Chair present it to the House.

Debate arose thereon.

Thierry St-Cyr moved, — That the motion be amended by replacing the words “a safe environment exists there” with the words “the Committee has studied the issue”.

After debate, the question was put on the amendment of Thierry St-Cyr and it was agreed to, by a show of hands: YEAS: 7; NAYS: 4.

The question was put on the motion and it was agreed to, by a show of hands: YEAS: 7; NAYS: 4.

The motion as adopted read:

That, in the opinion of the Committee, the government should deport no one to Sri Lanka until the Committee has studied the issue, and that it should expedite any family class sponsorships from the danger zone; that the Committee adopt these recommendations as a report to the House and that, pursuant to Standing order 108(1), the Chair present it to the House.

Jim Karygiannis moved, — That, pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), this Committee hear the respective Ministers and officials from the Department of Citizenship and Immigration and the Canadian Border Services Agency, and other relevant witnesses, to enquire into ever increasing processing times related to immigration time lines from posts around the world, and that, pursuant to Standing Order 108(1), any findings and recommendations based thereon be reported to the House before any amendment is made to Immigration and Refugee Protection Act.

Debate arose thereon.

Olivia Chow moved, — That the motion be amended by inserting after the word “world,” the words “and the contract with the Indian company, VFS”.

After debate, the question was put on the amendment of Olivia Chow and it was agreed to, by a show of hands: YEAS: 7; NAYS: 4.

The question was put on the motion and it was agreed to, by a show of hands: YEAS: 7; NAYS: 4.

The motion as adopted read:

That, pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), this Committee hear the respective Ministers and officials from

the Department of Citizenship and Immigration and the Canadian Border Services Agency, and other relevant witnesses, to enquire into ever increasing processing times related to immigration time lines from posts around the world and the contract with the Indian company, VFS; and that, pursuant to Standing Order 108(1), any findings and recommendations based thereon be reported to the House before any amendment is made to Immigration and Refugee Protection Act.

At 4:05 p.m., the Committee proceeded to sit *in camera*.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on Thursday, November 22, 2007, the Committee resumed its study of undocumented and temporary foreign workers.

The Committee commenced consideration of a preliminary summary of issues.

At 4:36 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Andrew Bartholomew Chaplin
Clerk of the Committee

2008/06/25 11:14 a.m.
